

HOW TO DISPOSE OF LATEX PAINT



Latex paint is water based and not a hazardous waste material. It can be disposed of in your trash, however, it must be **completely solidified** before throwing it away.

How to dry latex paint:

You can simply open the lid and let the remaining paint dry in the can. Another option is to pour the paint out into a box lined with a piece of plastic and let the paint sit to dry. To speed up the process or for larger amounts of paint, you can mix in kitty litter, sawdust, or a paint-dry product purchased from a hardware store. Once you mix in the hardener/paint dry product, let the paint sit until completely dry. Once completely SOLID, put in trash to dispose of.



What to do with the empty can: Empty metal cans that are free of rust and have been rinsed free of any paint can be placed in the recycling bin. Remove the lid to show that the can is clean and empty when placing it in the recycling. Please note that metal cans that are rusty, plastic containers, or cans that are not clean cannot be recycled and should be disposed of with your regular trash.

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REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



-  **PLAN:** Calculate how much paint you might need for a project before you purchase your paint. Determine the number of coats of paint you will need to apply. Check out online resources for paint calculators to help you calculate how much paint you will need for a project.
-  **USE IT:** Leftover latex paint can last years if it is stored properly. Save extra paint for touch ups in the future by keeping it at room temperature in an airtight container (place in a new airtight container or place plastic wrap over the opening, place lid tightly on can, and store upside down).
-  **RETURN:** for any unopened cans of stock colors (not custom tinted paint), check with your retailer to see if you can return the paint for a refund.
-  **SHARE:** See if any friends or neighbors can use left over paint or try to use up leftover paint for craft projects.



Oil based paints and stains should be disposed of at hazardous waste collection sites such as Sauk County Clean Sweep. For more information on Clean Sweep and Alternative Disposal Options, please visit the website listed below or contact (608) 355-3245

www.co.sauk.wi.us/landconservation/sauk-county-clean-sweep-and-alternative-disposal-options-clean-sweep