

How to Dispose of Latex Paint

- Latex paint is NOT hazardous waste.
- Unusable Latex (water-based) Paint can be disposed of safely in the trash if the following procedures are in place. We encourage residents to use this alternative:

-Mixing an absorbent material such as kitty litter, saw dust, paint hardener (available at hardware stores, home improvement stores) into the latex paint by stirring the absorbent material and paint together, to harden large amounts of paint quickly.

-Allow the paint to dry several days:

1. This prevents it from spilling out from the trash truck
2. Half gallon cans of latex paint w/o absorbent will dry in approximately five days.
3. Adding kitty litter will speed drying time in approximately two days.

-Once the latex paint is dried into a semi solid state, it can be safely disposed of with regular trash and picked up by your waste hauler. Lids must be removed for the hauler's inspection.

-Empty latex paint cans and containers are NOT recyclable.

1. Remove lid and discard container in your regular trash.