



How do I get rid of old paint: Latex, Oil Base, and Spray?

Latex Paint (Water Base)

Latex Paint can be thrown in the trash in solid form only and cannot be dumped down the drain. **Liquid latex paint processing is very costly to Solid Waste Services and ratepayers.**

Disposal Method: AFTER latex paint has dried out, it can be put in with the Household trash. The time required to dry out varies depending on the quantity of paint, temperature, humidity. There are several ways to dry out latex paint.

- 1) For small quantities, latex paint can be dried out by removing the lid until the paint solidifies.
- 2) For large quantities, Kitty Litter can be mixed 50% paint to 50% kitty litter. Expose the mixture to air and wait until it solidifies.
- 3) For larger quantities, Hardware and Home Center stores sell product/s that can be used to speed up the drying process. See one example to right. 



Oil Base Paint

How to identify: This type of paint is a Household Hazardous Waste.

Disposal Method: Bring to the SWS Household Hazardous Waste Site for disposal.

Spray Paint

How to identify: Spray Paints are in a container under pressure.

Disposal Method: Bring to the SWS Household Hazardous Waste Site for disposal.