



What do I do with old paint?



The best option is to use the paint. If this is not possible, follow these steps:

Determine whether the paint is Latex or Oil based.

Latex paints are composed of water and are easily cleaned up using water. Oil based (Alkyd) paints contain some sort of solvent and require paint thinner for clean-up. **Be Safe!** Never use your sense of smell to determine paint type. Avoid handling paint in liquid or solid (chips) form.

Dispose of the paint properly:

OIL BASED PAINT: Deliver to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Oil based paints are household hazards primarily because of their flammability characteristics. **Keep the can away from heat sources!**

LATEX PAINT:

Deliver your completely dried paint to the Holly Hill Transfer Station with your regular trash. (Your hauler will not collect liquid or dried paint).

Instructions for drying out paint: First, consolidate unused paint into as few cans as possible. **DO NOT** mix latex paints with oil based paints or with other chemicals or solvents! Wipe the empty cans clean (enough to see the bottom) and recycle the can as scrap metal. The rag with the residue paint should be disposed of as trash. Dry out all liquid paint by mixing sand (kitty litter) into the can, then expose the can to the open air until it is **completely** dried-out (this may take several weeks). **Keep the can out of reach of children, animals and heat sources!** Take precautions to prevent spillage!

For additional information please call the Waste Disposal Division of the Town of Greenwich at **869-6910** or ask your hauler. For more specific information contact the National Paint and Coatings Association at www.paintinfo.org or call at **(202) 332-3194**.



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