



What do I do with old paint?



Step 1: 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.

Step 2: Prepare paint for proper disposal

Disposal Options for Latex Paint:

- A. Use the paint (best option)
- B. 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! Deliver your completely dried paint to the Holly Hill Transfer Station with your regular trash (your hauler will not collect liquid or dried paint).

Disposal Options for Oil Based Paint:

- A. Use the paint (best option)
- B. 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!**



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**.



Why Recycle? Recycling is the Law



Collectors of refuse and recyclables are regulated by the Department of Public Works, which monitors all items delivered to the Holly Hill Resource Recovery Facility. The Department reserves the right to suspend the dumping privileges or fine residential or commercial waste generators and/or collectors of discarded materials if proper separation of recyclables has not occurred.

Questions about what can be Recycled?

The following items should be taken to the **Holly Hill Resource Recovery Facility**
Monday – Friday 7 am – 3 pm or Saturday 7 am – Noon

Cardboard including Cereal Boxes & Brown Paper Bags

- Do NOT include:
- Any packaging materials
 - Waxed cardboard
 - Excessively contaminated cardboard (with ink, dirt, food or coffee)

Newspaper - including inserts

Mixed Paper - Phone books, glossy magazines, junk mail, envelopes, etc.

Plastics - Food and Beverage containers and other plastic items marked 1 and 2

Scrap metal

- Metal hangers
- Empty aerosol cans
- Empty latex paint cans
- Metal furniture and appliances
- Bicycles
- Pipes, household metals, etc.
- Empty propane tanks

Chlorofluorocarbons (refrigerants) - From refrigerators and air conditioners

Automotive or NiCad Batteries
(AAA to D household batteries may be disposed of in the trash)

Automobile Tires

Yard Waste & Leaves

Waste Motor Oil

Construction Waste

What happens to recycled items?

Plastics are shipped to Georgia or South Carolina and used in carpet manufacturing

The “fuzz” on tennis balls comes from recycled plastic jugs

Newspaper is made into paper products - one bail of mixed paper saves about seventeen trees

Based on the paper recycled in Greenwich this works out to about 160,000 trees a year

Cardboard is used in making cereal boxes and paperboard