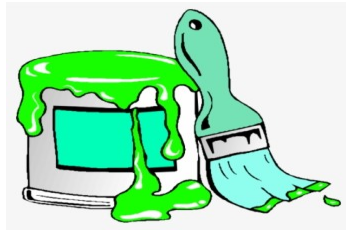


# How to Dispose of Latex Paint



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## PREVENTION

Preventing waste in the first place is the best, least expensive method of disposal. For all waste items, we recommend that you follow the disposal options in this order:


## REDUCE

Buy only what you need and return unopened cans. If you are at the end of your job and you realize you only need a small amount to finish, exchange the unopened can for a quart.

## REUSE

Use leftovers for a second coats (especially in high traffic areas), touch ups, painting fences, bird houses, basement, give to a friend, neighbor, or small business owner, etc., OR donate left-over paint to a community group, school, local theater group, etc.

## Recycle

Old Latex Paint  can be blended together to produce beige or gray. Oil-based paints may also be mixed. **DO NOT MIX OIL-BASED PAINT WITH LATEX PAINT.**

Only oil-based paints will be accepted at our Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Events. See information below.



## LATEX PAINT

***Latex paint is not Hazardous Waste and will NOT be accepted at any Hazardous Waste Collection Event!***

Water-based paint is a safer substitute than oil-based paint. Latex paint should be solidified before placing it out with your curbside trash. Easy instructions:

- 1) Simply, take off the paint lid, place outside away from children and pets and allow it to harden.
- 2) If the can is too full using step #1, take a cardboard box, line it with a heavy-duty (outside) trash bag.
- 3) Inside the bag place a clay-based kitty litter, then add paint.
- 4) If it's still runny, add more kitty litter or shredded newspaper. Place all the lids in this bag as well.
- 5) Once completely dry, secure the bag with a tie and place out with your regular trash.
- 6) Empty, lidless paint cans should be placed out for the trash in a separate box.

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## DISPOSE OF OIL-BASED PAINT RESPONSIBLY

Delaware, Bucks, Chester, Montgomery & Philadelphia are working together to rid the environment of HHW. If Delaware County's dates are not convenient, you may participate in any of the above counties' collection events. For additional dates and locations for the above mentioned counties, check our website at: [www.delcoswa.org](http://www.delcoswa.org)

## HHW Collection Schedule

Dates and locations for all Delaware County HHW Events can be found at all the municipal buildings, libraries and on Delaware County Solid Waste Authority's Website:

[www.delcoswa.org](http://www.delcoswa.org)

***ELECTRONIC WASTE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED***

***All events are by appointment only***

***Rain or shine***