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Guide to Paint Disposal

What's the big deal?

Paint contains chemicals such as solvents and metals that can be harmful when released into the environment. These chemicals can also be disruptive to treatment of municipal waste water. Do your part to help keep our drinking water clean by **never** dumping paint outside or down a drain.

Waste Reduction Tips



Avoid the hassle of paint disposal by purchasing only what you need. How much money do you save by buying a gallon of paint if you only use one quart? Just a small amount of paint is needed for touch ups, and by saving the paint number or color you could always get more when you need it!

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Proper Paint Storage

If you do store leftover paint, do it right! Keep paint in a dry, ventilated location that does not freeze. Make sure all cans are tightly sealed by covering the opening with plastic wrap before securing the lid. Stored properly, paint can remain usable for up to 15 years!



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Paint Disposal How-to



Consider Donating

Usable cans of paint at least half-full should be recycled at the SWAP Shop or donated to churches, schools and community groups.

What kind of paint?

Most paint products found in your home can be classified into two categories: latex-based or oil-based.

Latex/Water-based paint and Products

Remove the lid to let small quantities of latex paint air dry. Stir in cat litter, oil dry or sawdust to help larger quantities of latex paint dry faster. Or pour thin layers of paint onto old carpeting to dry.



Latex paint can be dried and thrown away in the garbage.

My latex paint is dry, now what?

Once latex paint is completely dry and hardened it can be disposed of in the garbage. Remember to leave the paint can lids off.

Oil Paint and Other Products

Oil paint, lead paint, stain, varnish, spray paint, thinners, and other products that are not water/latex based should not be dried but taken to the Regional Collection Center for disposal. This service is free to Appanoose County residents April 15 - October 15 only. Call for information or to make an appointment.



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