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How do I dispose of leftover paint?

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 a job and realize you need only a small amount to finish, exchange the unopened can for a quart.

REUSE

Use leftovers for second coats (especially in high traffic areas), touch-ups, painting fences, bird houses, basements, 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 Paints can be blended together to produce beige or gray. Oil-based paints may also be mixed together. *DO NOT MIX OIL-BASED PAINT, however, WITH LATEX PAINT.*

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

LATEX PAINT DISPOSAL METHOD

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

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

Easy Instructions:

1) Simply, take off 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 shredded newspaper. Place all lids in this bag as well.
5) Baggy tie and place out with your trash, box and all.
6) Empty, lidless paint cans should be placed out for your regular trash in a separate box.
7) Make sure that all *lids are removed*.

DISPOSE OF OIL-BASED PAINT RESPONSIBLY

Bucks, Chester, Delaware, 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 & information

Call: PA DEP Recycling Hotline (800) 346-4242

Internet: www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle

HHW Collection Schedule

Dates and locations for all Delaware County HHW Events can be found at all municipal buildings, libraries and on Delaware County's Recycling Website: www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw.html

We are no longer accepting Electronics or Latex Paint at any of our HHW Events!

ALL COLLECTIONS ARE FROM
9 AM – 3 PM
Rain or Shine