

Alternatives to Disposal

Before you decide to dispose of your leftover latex paint, consider...

- Painting another coat or touching up what you purchased the paint for, or...
- Mixing several latex paints together and using it for a protective coat or primer where color is not important, or..
- Giving it to someone who can use it. Try neighbors, friends, relatives, community service organizations. Post a notice in your supermarket.



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Disposing of Latex Paint

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► Proper Disposal of Latex (Water Base) Paints

Unwanted latex paint is not hazardous waste.



Latex paint can be distinguished from oil based by the label and by its solubility in water. Latex paint does not smell "oily".

How do you tell if it's Latex Paint if the label is gone?

A small amount in a jar or cap mixed with water will show whether it is latex or solvent-based paint. Latex paint readily mixes with water since it is water-based—it becomes thinner as water is added. Solvent-based paint is insoluble in water—the paint and water separates like vinegar and oil.

Latex Paint Disposal

Latex paint and stain can be safely disposed of in the trash once it is in a hardened form. To get it in a hardened form, just follow the instructions below.

- ☑ Remove and discard the paint can lid.



Letting dry outside is best!

- ☑ Make sure the paint can is half-full or less. If the can is more than half-full, pour the excess into another container, such as a milk jug or coffee can.

- ☑ Allow paint to dry. Peel the paint from the inside of the can, and double wrap the dried paint in plastic film. Then place in your trash.

OR



- ☑ Add a clay based kitty litter or other absorbent material. Stir the mixture together, and allow it to harden. Once hardened, place in your trash.

Remember this is only for Latex paint. Oil based paints should be disposed of at a household hazardous waste collection or permanent household hazardous waste facility. Call GLOW for more information.



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