

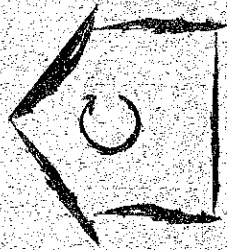


How do you dispose of water-based latex paint?

Latex paint is not hazardous and is not accepted at the annual or regional hazardous waste collections. Follow the tips below for proper disposal of latex paint. State law prohibits the disposal of liquid waste with trash.

- If your latex paint has not frozen and still mixes completely, consider giving it away to neighbors, friends, schools or theater groups. It may be usable as a primer if it is not the right final color.
- If your latex paint is old and is not usable, you must dry it out completely prior to disposing of it. Take the cover off and let it air dry. You can add cat litter or sawdust to make it dry faster.
- The Solid Waste District sells latex paint hardener. One packet will harden one gallon of paint and costs \$1. You can get this product at our office (50 Miles St. Greenfield), the regional hazardous waste sites at Bernardston, Colrain, & Conway transfer stations (call for hours), or at hardware stores.
- Keep open paint cans away from children and pets. Once the paint is hardened and dry, leave the cover off and put it in your trash or in a bulky waste container if your town has one.
- For large quantities of latex paint, try pouring an inch in a plastic lined cardboard box. When that dries, add more paint. Repeat this process until all the paint is hardened. Dispose of the box in the trash or with bulky waste.

For more information about disposal of hazardous products visit the Franklin County Solid Waste District website at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or call (413) 772-2438.



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