



# How to Dispose of Latex Paint

## To expedite the latex paint drying process:

Waste paints labeled as “latex paint” are **NOT** hazardous, and can be thrown away with your regular household garbage **IF** it is completely dry—to the bottom of the can. If **NOT** completely dry, it may leak onto the roadway and cause damage to property. Be sure paint is **Completely** dry.

## DO NOT POUR PAINT DOWN A HOUSEHOLD OR STORM DRAIN

### How to dry latex paint

#### For disposal in household garbage:

- \*Removing the lid from the can and placing it in a dry place will allow the paint to eventually dry out.
- \*After a few days, only the surface of the paint will be firm and dry to the touch – if you press harder, you will notice the bottom is still liquid.
- \*If you feel comfortable holding the can of paint upside down, then it is dry enough to throw away in your household garbage.
- \*A thin layer of paint will dry much faster. Pour paint into a secure container with a larger surface area than the paint can.
- \*Place container of paint outside on a sunny day to help speed up the drying process.
- \*Adding an absorbent material such as kitty litter, wood chips, saw dust, mulch, etc., is another way to quickly dry paint.

## Getting rid of paint cans:

When the paint is dry, double- bag the container and any absorbing material and throw it out with your regular garbage.

**ONLY LATEX PAINT WILL DRY.** Oil based paint and stain must to be taken to your local **Household Hazardous Waste Facility** for proper disposal.



## Putnam County Household Hazard Waste Facility:

### LOCATED:

2101 WEST JACKSON ST. 38501

If you take dried paint cans to a Putnam County convenience site, make sure cans are without lids, to allow the Site Attendant to inspect cans, and then place them in a Specified Container as directed.

