

Paint Disposal

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What type of paint do you have?

To identify if paint is water-based (Latex/Acrylic) or oil-based, read the cleanup instructions on the back label of the can.

* If the label states cleanup with mineral spirits or turpentine, then it is oil-based and considered hazardous.

* If the label states cleanup with soapy water or lists water as an ingredient, then it is water-based latex paint and not considered hazardous waste. It must be dried out and hardened before disposing of it in the trash.

Water-Based (Latex) Paint

Step 1. Carefully transfer paint so each can is half full or less. (A shallow box with a trash bag liner can be used for drying out larger quantities of paint.)

Step 2. Fill cans with clay-based, non-clumping cat litter or a paint hardener.

Step 3. Using a paint stick, thoroughly mix paint and cat litter or hardener into a can (or box) until all moisture is absorbed.

Step 4. If paint still looks wet, add more cat litter or hardener into the mixture.

Step 5. Once completely dried, place the can in your trash for disposal. Leave the lid off the paint can so the trash haulers can see that it is dried out.

Oil-Based Paint

Oil-based paint is hazardous due to volatile organic compounds and chemicals to control mold. Leftover oil-based paint must be taken to the MCMUA's hazardous waste collection facility with an appointment, or brought to a drop-off event for disposal.

WATER-BASED LATEX
OR
OIL-BASED
PAINT?



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