

HOW DO YOU DISPOSE OF LATEX PAINT?

There's an easier way to dispose of leftover latex paint. The Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility is no longer accepting latex paint because of its high disposal cost and very low environmental impact. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency encourages residents to safely dispose of old or unwanted latex paint on their own.

Here's what you can do with your leftover latex paint:

- **DRY IT UP:** Use kitty litter, shredded paper or sawdust to absorb the remaining paint, and after it dries dispose of the can in the garbage.
- **DONATE IT:** Ask friends and neighbors if they need paint for a small project. Local schools or theater groups sometimes look for free paint for sets and art projects.
- **STORE IT:** Save the leftover paint for touch-ups in the future. To prevent the paint from drying out, wrap the can's lid with plastic wrap, making sure the lid fits on securely and doesn't leak.



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