



## How to get rid of paint

The question most frequently asked is, “How do I get rid of leftover paint?” The answer depends on what type of paint it is. Is it oil based or latex?

Oil based paint is considered a hazardous waste, and can be brought to a household hazardous waste disposal day. For information on these events please refer to our [website](#).

Latex paint is water-based paint and is non hazardous. Most interior household paint is latex. Dispose of latex paint by following some simple steps!

Below please find instructions on how to dry and safely dispose of latex paint with your regular household garbage.

1. Uncover the paint can.
2. Let it sit uncovered to dry. To accelerate the drying process, you can mix cat litter or saw dust into the paint. If you have more than a half a can, you can also pour the paint into a plastic-lined box or trash can. Then pour in cat litter.
3. Once the paint has dried completely, place it in a plastic bag, tie it tightly and dispose of the paint can with your household trash.



Hazardous waste drop-off events cannot accept latex paint. These events are only for hazardous material. It is safe and legal to dispose of latex paint at home by following the above steps. Disposing of this paint at home will save you time and money.

For further information contact Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management at [solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov](mailto:solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov) or by calling 845-463-6020.

