

How can you **dispose** of your latex paint **safely** at home?

Latex can be safely disposed of at home and does not need to be brought to the HHW collection. Here are some tips to get rid of latex paint.

- Option 1** Allow the paint to dry by removing the lid and allowing liquids to evaporate. This works well for small quantities of paint (an inch or two in the bottom of the can).



- Option 2** Latex paint can also be solidified by mixing in an equal amount of an absorbent material and allowing it to dry. Use cat litter, sawdust, plaster of paris, oil dry, or a paint hardener found at a local hardware store.



- Option 3** Pour thin layers (about 1 inch of paint) into a cardboard box lined with plastic. Allow the paint to dry one layer at a time until all paint has hardened.



- Option 4** When the paint is completely dry it can be discarded with your regular trash. Leave the lid off the container so your waste hauler knows the can is empty.



- Option 5** Donate or exchange your left over paint.



Do Not

- Dump paint on the ground or into storm sewers.
- Pour the paint can contents down the drain.
- Throw paint cans with liquid remaining in your trash. The cans will become compacted and leak onto the street.

For more information contact the OSS Solid Waste District at 419.334.7222 or toll free at 1.888.850.7224 or log onto our website at www.recycleoss.org