

How to safely discard leftover



Latex paint is not hazardous



Empty and dried up latex paint cans should go into your garbage cart!

Because latex paint is non-toxic, you can place empty and dried up paint cans with the **lids off** into the garbage cart.

Do not put cans with liquid paint out for pick up.

How to dry out latex paint for safe disposal:

- * If you have an inch or less of paint left in the can, remove the lid and let the paint dry out. Protect from freezing and rain as well as children and animals. This method works best in warm weather.
- * If you have more than an inch of paint left in the can, try one of these methods:
 1. Mix latex paint with an equal amount of cat litter, stir and allow to harden.
 2. Mix latex paint with cement, stir and allow to harden. Approximately 10 pounds of cement will solidify one gallon of latex paint. Use a suitably-sized container for mixing.



After latex paint has dried, place the open cans in your garbage cart.

Oil-based paint is hazardous waste



Empty oil-based paint cans with the lids off can go into your garbage cart!

But...

- Partially full or full cans of oil-based paint must be taken to a household hazardous collection site for proper disposal.
- Do not put cans of oil-based paint out in your cart for pick up.



- * Unlike latex paint, oil-based paint should not be dried out or solidified. **Oil-based paint is flammable or combustible whether wet or dry.**
- * Never put flammable products, such as oil-based paint or thinner, down any drain or into the garbage.

Got leftover paint?

Here are some easy ways to reduce the amount of leftover paint:

- * **BUY ONLY WHAT YOU NEED.** Retailers can help you calculate the right amount of paint for your project. Typically, one gallon of paint will provide one coat for 300 square feet.
- * **BUY LESS FOR THE NEXT PROJECT.** Use leftover paint as a base coat on another project.
- * **SAVE IT FOR A FUTURE USE.** If properly stored, paint stays good for a long time. To prevent paint from drying out, cover the surface with kitchen plastic wrap, then replace the lid securely. Finally, store the paint can upside down in an area where it can't freeze.
- * **GIVE IT AWAY.** Ask friends, relatives, neighbors, churches, theatrical groups, schools, recreation departments or community organizations (see list on other side) if they can use your leftover paint. Only give away paint that is in good condition and in its original container with an intact label.



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Visit www.brgov.com/recycle for upcoming household hazardous waste drop-off dates and locations and recycling information.

Where to Recycle Household Hazardous Materials Year Round

Call businesses to get details, as items and locations may change

MATERIAL	BUSINESS	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Latex paint/full cans*	Habitat for Humanity	4301 Airline Hwy.	355-1895
Automotive batteries	Auto Zone	All Locations	
	Wal-Mart Tire & Lube	All Tire & Lube Centers	
	Pep Boys	9704 Airline Hwy.	927-6233
	Rapid Lube & Tune-up	5615 Essen Lane	767-5754
	Simple Simon Car Care	7777 Airline Hwy.	927-2311
	Simple Simon Car Care	12116 Airline Hwy.	751-3656
	Interstate Batteries	11075 Airline Hwy.	925-3711
	Regions Wholesale Battery	6215 Airline Hwy.	355-8545
	Southern Recycling	6847 Scenic Hwy.	355-4453
	Wholesale Battery Co. Inc.	9266 Mammoth Ave.	926-4693
	River City Battery Supply	11353 Greenwell Springs Rd.	275-1285
Used motor oil	Auto Zone	All Locations	
	Pep Boys	9704 Airline Hwy.	927-6233
	Express Care Automotive	5389 Government St.	922-9299
	Express Care Automotive	5960 S. Sherwood Forest	368-2273
	Rapid Lube & Tune Up	5615 Essen Lane	767-5754
	Simple Simon Car Care	7777 Airline Hwy.	927-2311
	Simple Simon Car Care	12116 Airline Hwy.	751-3656
	Siemens (US Filter)**	697 Hwy. 167, Opelousas	800-960-6377
Motor oil & gasoline mixtures	Siemens (US Filter)**	697 Hwy. 167, Opelousas	800-960-6377
	Siemens (US Filter)**	1122 US Hwy. 90 W., Port Allen	800-960-6377
Oil filters	Pep Boys Automotive	9704 Airline Hwy.	927-6233
	Rapid Lube & Tune Up	5615 Essen Lane	767-5754
	Simple Simon Car Care	7777 Airline Hwy.	927-2311
	Simple Simon Car Care	12116 Airline Hwy.	751-3656
	Express Care Automotive	5960 S. Sherwood Forest	368-2273
	Express Care Automotive	5389 Government St.	922-9299
Anti-freeze	Pep Boys Automotive	9704 Airline Hwy.	927-6233
	Rapid Lube & Tune Up	5615 Essen Lane	767-5754
	Simple Simon Car Care	7777 Airline Hwy.	927-2311
	Simple Simon Car Care	12116 Airline Hwy.	751-3656
Used cooking oil	Siemens (US Filter)**	697 Hwy. 167 Opelousas	800-960-6377
	Siemens (US filter)**	1122 US Hwy. 90 W., Port Allen	800-960-6377
Computers	CACRC	800 St. Philip St.	225-379-3577
Televisions - up to 32"	Best Buy Stores	All Locations	761-8032
Fluorescent tubes & fluorescent compact bulbs	LEI Lamp Recyclers	46257 Morris Rd., Hammond	800-309-9908
	Home Depot	All Locations	
Mercury devices, thermostats, switches, thermometers, thermocouples, relays	LEI Lamp Recyclers	46257 Morris Rd., Hammond	800-309-9908
NiCd Batteries	Radio Shack	All Locations	
Batteries all chemistries: alkaline, carbon-zinc lead acid, nickel (iron & cadmium), lithium, mercury, silver oxide, silver zinc, thermal	LEI Lamp Recyclers	4657 Morris Rd., Hammond	800-309-9908
Propane tanks 4-40 lbs.	All permitted LP-Gas dealers, wholesalers and retailers are required to accept old tanks for refurbishment, recycling or disposal at no charge to the consumer.		

**By appointment only, call first



*How to Dispose of Unused Latex Paint Cans

Empty or dried-out latex paint cans should go in the garbage cart. For partially full cans, open the lids, mix with an equal amount of kitty litter and let paint dry. **Remove lids before placing in garbage cart.**



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