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Disposing of Latex Paint

You can dispose of latex paint in the garbage if you dry it out first. Here's how:

1. Add equal parts kitty litter to latex paint in the can (one part paint to one part kitty litter). If you have more than a half a can, you can also pour the paint into a lined cardboard box then pour in cat litter.
2. Stir the cat litter into the paint until it has an oatmeal-like consistency that will not spill out.
3. Allow the paint and cat litter mixture to sit for one hour.
4. Throw the dried paint in the can in the garbage with the **lid off**.



For very small amounts, you can paint on cardboard or newspaper and discard the newspaper/cardboard in the garbage when dry

Recycling Paint



If you have a gallon of latex paint that is less than 3 years old and more than half full, we suggest donating it to the Union-Anson Habitat for Humanity ReStore located at 2520 West Roosevelt Blvd (Hwy.74). Give your old paint a new life in a Habitat home.

Paint cans must be clean with no rust or damage to the container. They cannot accept oil-based paints or hazardous chemicals at the ReStore facility.

Disposing of Oil-Based Paints

Oil-based paint is hazardous and can be disposed of at the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day Event, typically held in April.

If you have any questions, please call Union County Public Works Customer Service at 704-296-4210.

