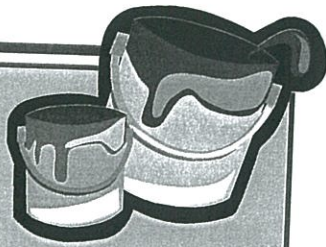


Disposing of

Latex Paint



If you are unable to use up or give away your leftover latex paint, dry it out and put it in your trash.

Not sure if your paint is latex?

Latex paint is water-based, so the clean-up instructions on the label will tell you to clean your brushes with soap and water.

Paints that require mineral spirits for clean-up or have the words "alkyd" or "combustible" printed on the label are not latex. These types of paints should be disposed of at a household hazardous waste center. In Kent County, call (616) 336-2570 to learn about how to dispose of non-latex paint.

Do not dump paint on the ground or down your drain. Before putting latex paint in your trash, be sure the paint is dried and the lid is removed.

For tips on quickly drying out your latex paint, flip this card over.



Instructions for drying latex paint

1. Find an area which will be protected from children, pets and weather but has adequate air flow.
2. Remove the lid & put the lid in the trash. Stir into the paint an absorbent material, like kitty litter, sawdust or dirt. Add enough so the mixture becomes thick, like the texture of oatmeal.

If there is too much paint in the can to add the absorbent material, line a cardboard box with a plastic trash bag. Add the absorbent material to the lined box, then pour the paint over it.

Allow the mixture to harden.

3. Once hardened, the latex paint can safely be placed in your trash. Be sure the lid is off prior to putting any dried out or empty paint can in the trash.



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