

PAINT DISPOSAL



OIL-BASED PAINT

Oil-based paint, stains, varnishes and solvents must be disposed of at a local authorized collection facility.

Oil-based paint, also called “alkyd” paint, cleans up with a *solvent*, not water.

Authorized Collection Facility for Sumner County Residents:

- Resource Authority of Sumner County at 625 Rappahannock Wire Rd. Gallatin, TN 37066

Authorized Collection Facility for Davidson County Residents:

- Metro East Convenience Center at 943 Dr. Richard G. Adams Dr. Nashville, TN 37207

LATEX PAINT

Latex paint, also called “water-based” paint, cleans up with water and is not hazardous waste, but is instead a nuisance waste and can be placed in the regular trash **once it is dry.**

DRYING TIPS:

Air drying is acceptable for an inch or less of latex paint. Just remove the lid and let the paint dry in a well-ventilated area. Be sure to keep safely away from pets and children. Keep the lid off the can when disposing so the garbage truck driver can see it is completely safe and solidified.

Kitty litter may also be used and is the least expensive method to dry paint. Just pour kitty litter directly into the latex paint can, stir and let dry. Wait an hour and add more kitty litter if needed until paint is solidified. Never pour kitty litter down the drain.

Commercial hardeners are available at most hardware and home supply stores. Follow directions on the product label.

If the can of latex paint is too full to add solidifiers, line a cardboard box with a plastic trash bag. Pour the latex paint into the bag/box one layer at a time. Add solidifying agent in between layers. Dispose when completely dry.

Never pour any paint or solvents into storm drains, sinks or toilets as this is harmful to sewage treatment and creates hazardous contaminants unsafe to humans and wildlife.