

HOW DO YOU PROPERLY DISPOSE OF PAINT?

WHAT TYPE OF PAINT DO YOU HAVE?

LATEX OR OIL BASED PAINT? First identify whether your paint is a water based latex or an oil based paint. Read the cleanup instructions on the back label. If label states that you should use solvents or thinners for cleanup, then this is an oil based paint.

LATEX PAINT: Latex paint is not considered a hazardous waste, and can be recycled into new paint or you can dry out and harden to prepare for disposal.

OIL BASED PAINT: Oil based paint is considered a hazardous waste product due to toxic chemicals and volatile organic compounds. Leftover oil based paint must be taken to your local hazardous waste collection center to be properly disposed of.

Disposal of Oil Based Paint

Humboldt County Regional Landfill and Recycling Drop-off
(775) 623-6300
Winnemucca Mountain Rd
Winnemucca, NV 89445

How to Dry Out and Dispose of Latex Paint

Step 1. If the label states to use warm soapy water for cleanup – this is a water based latex paint and must be dried out before disposing of in your trash can.

Step 2. Carefully transfer paint from the fullest paint can so that you have an even amount in both cans. You can also use a shallow box for your drying out project.

Step 3. By transferring paint into 2 cans – you now have made enough room inside cans to add cat litter. You can also place a trash bag liner in the shallow box for your drying out project.

Step 4. Fill remaining space in both cans nearly to the top with a non-clumping cat litter. If using a shallow box, pour paint into the lined box. *What to do with the paint cans?* The little bit of paint left inside paint cans must be completely dried out and the lid left off before placing in your trash can for pick up.

Step 5. Thoroughly mix paint and an equal amount of non-clumping cat litter into can or box.

Step 6. Using an old stick – Thoroughly mix cat litter and paint together until all moisture is absorbed by cat litter.

Step 7. If paint still looks wet as it does in Step 6 – add more cat litter and mix added amount to paint.

Step 8. Once there is enough cat litter mixed into paint, place paint somewhere out of the way from children or pets.

Step 9. Once mixture is completely dried out and hard to the touch, you may place it in your trash can for disposal.

Step 10. LID: Be sure to **leave the paint can lid off** when you place your paint can into the trash so the trash haulers can see that paint is dried out. Otherwise they will remove it from your trash.

