

How to Dry Out Old Paint for Disposal

While latex paint is not considered a hazardous material, it cannot be disposed of unless the cans have completely dried out.

To dry cans less than 1/4 full

- Remove the lid.
- Place can in a safe, well-ventilated area.
- Can contents dry in a few days.
- Follow trash instructions below.

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- Protect your work surface by lining it with old newspaper.
- You can purchase waste paint hardener, which is a more expensive alternative. One packet generally treats up to one gallon of unwanted latex or water-based paint.
 For a more affordable solution you can use mulch, kitty litter, sawdust or shredded paper as a bulking/drying agent, but will take longer to solidify paint.
- Stir and mix thoroughly.
- Set aside for 2 to 3 days. At the end of that time, paint will have a tacky, oatmeal-like consistency, but will not spill out.
- Follow trash instructions below.

Trash Instructions once cans are dried out

- Remove lids from cans
- Place the cans next to your regular trash container so they can be visibly inspected for dryness.
- Any wet or soft paint that could spill will be left as unacceptable by collection crews.
- You may place **up to six paint cans** out for collection at one time.
- For more than six paint cans, request a free bulk collection.

Please contact Envirogreen LLC at 215-343-1662 if you have additional questions or wish to schedule a dry paint pick up.