



Evaporating LATEX paint for safe disposal

1. Find an area that's protected from open flame, children, pets and rain, but that has adequate ventilation.
2. Paint excess amounts of paint on cardboard or newspaper to use it up.
3. Remove the lid and allow the liquids to evaporate. You may need to periodically break the "skin" that forms on the top of the liquid. This works well for small quantities, such as an inch or two in the bottom of a can. Adding kitty litter can shorten the dry time. Larger quantities of paint take longer to dry out and may require other methods (see below).
When thoroughly dry, the remaining hardened material can be discarded with your regular trash. Leave the lid off the can so your trash hauler can see that the paint is hardened.

For large quantities of paint:

1. Pour thin layers of paint into a cardboard box lined with plastic. Allow the paint to dry one layer at a time until all of the paint is hardened.
2. For paint that has separated and can't be mixed, pour off the clear liquid on top leaving the semisolid paint sludge in the can to dry. The clear liquid can be poured into a cardboard box lined with plastic, mixed with an equal amount of absorbent material, such as kitty litter, and allowed to dry. Then it can be discarded.
Leave the lid off the can so your trash hauler can see that the paint is hardened.

If you do not want to evaporate your LATEX paint at home then dispose of your paint at your nearest recycle facility.

Oil Based Paint is hazardous and must be disposed of properly.

Nearest Oil Based and Latex Paint Recycling Facility:

ERG Environmental Services
13040 Merriman Road, Suite 200
Livonia, MI 48150
734-437-9650

Call for appointment and costs.