

Paint & Paint Can Disposal



Latex

What are latex products?

Paint, spackling compounds, caulking.

- Products that contain water as the solvent to keep the product liquid. The container indicates the product can be cleaned up using soap & water. Other key words on the label may be acrylic, silicone based or keep from freezing.

Latex Product Disposal

Latex products can be safely disposed of in the trash if they are dried out first.

- For small amounts: take the lid off and place in a well-ventilated area. When dry, leave the lid off and place in the trash.
- For large amounts: Pour liquid in thin layers onto cardboard or newspapers, allowing each layer to completely dry. When dry, roll up and place in trash.
- Or, add kitty litter, oil dry or sawdust to remaining liquid/paint and place in a well-ventilated area to dry. When dry, leave the lid off and place in the trash.

Oil

What are oil-based products?

Paint, stain, varnish paint thinners, Kilz, mineral spirits, degreasers.

- Products that contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other flammable or hazardous ingredients. The container indicates the product can be cleaned up with mineral spirits or turpentine. Other key words on the label are flammable, toxic, hazardous, keep out of reach of children.

Oil Product Disposal

Oil based products **MUST** be disposed of at our local Hazardous Waste Collection event or Recycling Center.

- Keep materials in their original container with the lid firmly closed.
- Do not attempt to dry materials out, this will release toxic fumes.
- Store in a cool, dry area out of reach of children and pets.
- **If product is all used and container is empty, place empty container in the trash.**

How do I tell if the paint – product is oil based?

Should the label be faded or unreadable, causing doubt of the product components, do a water test.

- If the product is water based, it will dissolve in water easily. Place a small amount of product in a small clear container with some water. Latex products will mix with the water while oil-based products will separate and form layers similar to the layers formed when oil and vinegar mix.

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