



Leftover Paint How-To's

How To - Handle Usable Unwanted Paint

- Donate usable leftover paint to family, friends and neighbors, local churches, animal shelters, town offices, housing groups, theater groups, etc.
- Habitat for Humanity's ReStore Saginaw collects and resells usable paint and a wide variety of other home remodeling items at a reduced rate. Call ReStore at 989-754-9435 to donate or purchase paint.

How To - Dispose of Leftover Paint

Use up small amounts. Apply leftover paint to scrap lumber or cardboard. When dry, place the scrap lumber or cardboard in the regular trash as a bulky item. To recycle empty paint cans, wipe dried paint out of can and lid. Place in your mixed container recycling bin.



Latex Paint

1. Make the liquid paint into a solid before placing it in the trash, using one of these methods:
 - **Dry It Up:** Best for paint cans with less than 2 inches of paint. Remove lids and place open cans in a well-ventilated area, away from children and pets until dried.
 - **Absorb It:** Mix paint with an absorbent, such as shredded newspaper, cat litter or a product intended to solidify or clean up oil spills. Allow to completely dry.
2. When dry, leave the lid off the can(s) and place in your regular trash.



Oil-Based Paints

1. Remove lids and mix with an absorbent, such as shredded newspaper, cat litter or other absorbent.
2. Place open cans in a well-ventilated area, away from pets and children. Allow to dry thoroughly.
3. When dry, leave the lid off the can(s) and place in your regular trash.

Quick Tips for Handling Household Paint

- Buy only the quantities you need
- Keep products in their original containers
- Store products according to label directions
- Avoid skin contact and vapors
- NEVER mix different products.
- Always dispose of products in the approved manner, or take them to a household chemical waste collection

