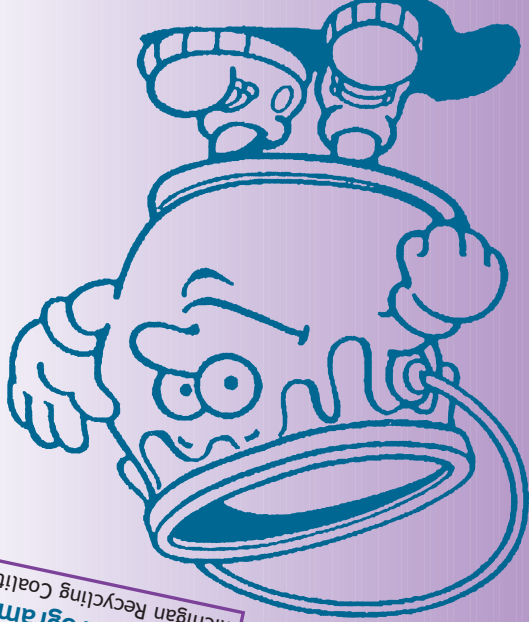


Household Paint* Handling Guide

2008 Outstanding
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What to Do with Leftover Paint & Paint Products

* Look inside for details on MMWA's **Paint Renew** paint recycling drop-off program



MMWA's Paint Renew Program

Mid Michigan Waste Authority's award-winning **Paint Renew** program offers area residents 8 different locations where they can drop-off unwanted latex and oil-based paints. All usable paint is resold by Restore Saginaw to benefit the mission of Habitat for Humanity. Paint must follow these guidelines:

- All paint must be in original container(s).
- Latex paint containers must be at least half full.
- See the paint handling guidelines inside this brochure for disposal of smaller amounts.
- No solvents, stains, rust preventative paint, aerosol cans of paint, or automotive paints are accepted. See the "Non-Paint Products" section in this brochure for proper handling.
- Only residential paint is accepted - no paint from businesses or contractors allowed.

Paint Renew Locations

Carrollton Hardware
3420 Carrollton Rd
M-F 8-5:30; Sat 8-3

Gewirtz Hardware
144 W. Broad St./Chesaning

Habitat Restore Saginaw
315 W. Holland Ave./Saginaw

Hemlock Ace Hardware
216 W. Saginaw/Hemlock

Pat's Hardware
7620 Midland Rd./Freeland

St. Charles Community Hardware
143 S. Saginaw St./St. Charles

Schmitzer Hardware
11944 Conquest/Birch Run

Wohlfel's
5818 State St / Saginaw Twp

989-799-0942

M 8-8; T-Th 8-6; F 8-8
Sat 8-6; Sun 10-5

989-624-9222

M-F 8-6; Sat 9-5
Sun 10-3

989-865-9973

T, Th 8-8, Sun 10-5
M, W, F, Sat 8-7

989-695-9821

M-Sat 7-8; Sun 9-6
989-642-2314

989-642-2314

Sat 8-5; Sun 10-4
M-F 8-6

989-754-9435

M-F 9-6; Sat 9-4
989-845-3765

M-F 8-6; Sat 8-5

989-753-9661

MMWA Members

- Albee Twp
- Bethany Twp
- Birch Run Twp
- Village of Birch Run
- Blumfield Twp
- Brady Twp
- Brant Twp
- Village of Breckenridge
- Saginaw Twp
- Bridgeport Twp
- Buena Vista Twp
- Carrollton Twp
- Chapin Twp
- Village of Chesaning
- Chesaning Twp
- City of Frankenmuth
- Frankenmuth Twp
- Fremont Twp
- James Twp
- Jonestfield Twp
- Kochville Twp
- Lakefield Twp
- Maple Grove Twp
- Marion Twp
- Village of Merrill
- Richland Twp
- City of Saginaw
- Saginaw Twp
- St. Charles Twp
- Village of St. Charles
- Spaulding Twp
- Swan Creek Twp
- Thomas Twp
- Tittabawassee Twp
- Wheeler Township
- City of Zilwaukee

Tips for Handling Unwanted Household Paint Materials

- 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.
- If products exceed your needs, ask friends, neighbors, or charitable organizations if they can use them
- Always dispose of products in the approved manner, or take them to a household special waste collection (see inside for details)

For more information, contact:

Mid Michigan Waste Authority
7950 Gratiot, Suite 5
Saginaw MI 48609
989-781-9555
fax: 989-781-9559
www.recyclemmwa.org



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So You Have Leftover Paint?

Paint comes in latex and oil-based formulas, and each one has different disposal methods. Painting can also generate other hard-to-dispose of items, like paint thinners, cleaners and solvents. These related products are household special waste (HSW) and should be handled and disposed of with special care. This brochure offers MMWA residents a variety of methods/programs to safely handle these materials.



What Can Be Done With Usable Unwanted Paint?

- Give away useful quantities of leftover paint to family, friends and neighbors.
- Donate it for reuse by local churches, animal shelters, housing authorities and theater groups.
- 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.

What About Unusable Latex Paint?

Latex paint can be made safe for disposal through your regular trash program by following these do-it-yourself tips.

1. Make the liquid paint into a solid before placing it in the trash. Use one of these methods:

- **Dry It Up:** This method works best with paint cans with less than 2 inches of paint in the bottom. 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 mixture to completely dry.
- 2. After the paint is thoroughly dry, leave the lid off the can and set it out with the regular trash.
- 3. To recycle empty paint cans, wipe the dried paint out of can and lid. Place both in your mixed container recycling bin.

What About Oil-Based Paints?

Handle oil-based paints with great care. They are ignitable and have potentially harmful fumes; follow the label instructions for use and disposal. When solidified, oil-based paints can be safely disposed of with the regular trash. Follow these do-it-yourself tips:

1. **Evaporate** volatile components first. Remove lids and place open cans in a well-ventilated area, away from children and pets.
2. **Absorb** it. Mix paint with an absorbent, such as shredded newspaper, cat litter or other absorbent. Allow absorbent to dry thoroughly.
3. Once the paint is thoroughly dry, **leave** the lid off the can and set out the solidified paint with the regular trash.
4. **Use up** small amounts. Apply leftover paint to scrap lumber or cardboard. Keep children and pets away while the paint is drying. Place the scrap lumber or cardboard in the regular trash according to trash guidelines.

The Next Time You Paint:

- To avoid the need to dispose of leftover paint, properly measure your project area.
- Get help from your local paint retailer to determine the proper paint quantity for the job or do-it-yourself with the help of a paint calculator from an Internet paint site.



How About Non-Paint Products Like Solvents & Stains?

Recycle used solvents by allowing all the paint particles to settle to the bottom of the can. Pour the clarified liquid into another labeled can or bottle for reuse. To properly handle the remaining solvent and paint sludge, follow the steps in this brochure's "What About Oil-Based Paints?" section.



If you're unable to use or donate leftover solvents, thinners or stains, store them safely until you can take to a household special waste (HSW) collection event.

Household Special Waste Programs

Mid Michigan Waste Authority (MMWA) holds free HSW collection events each year for residents of Saginaw County, Village of Breckenridge, Bethany and Wheeler Twp. Call MMWA at 989-781-9555 or go to www.recyclemotion.org for HSW event dates. Saginaw County Public Health Department also conducts HSW collection events; appointments are required. For information on their events, locations and to make an appointment, call Public Health at 989-758-3686.



Reminder: Never pour paint, thinners, mineral spirits, turpentine or any other solvents down a drain or sewer, or dump them on land or in a waterway.

Get into **RecycleMotion** & recycle your unwanted paint today!