

Latex Paint Disposal

How To

How do I know if this is Latex based Paint?

- The paint can might indicate words like “latex”, “water-based”, “acrylic paint”
- Latex paint generally has a plastic liner in the metal can which is not used for oil-based paints.

What if I can't tell?

- Assume this is oil-based paint and bring it to an HHW collection for proper disposal.

How to dispose of Latex Paint properly?

- If the can is basically empty, let the remainder dry completely and bring to the transfer station.
- If there is paint still in the can: mix with kitty litter, saw dust, or paint hardener that can be purchased at a local hardware store. Once the paint is completely dry throughout the mixture, it can be brought to the transfer station and thrown away.

Latex Paint facts.

- Latex paint has very low levels of toxicity and is not considered to be household hazardous waste (HHW).
- Latex paint should be completely dried throughout before disposal because compactors will crush the can and leak paint everywhere if it is not dry.