

Latex Paint

Dry It Up

To dispose of latex paint in the trash, it must be dried out or hardened. To dry out a can of paint that is less than a quarter full, simply take off the lid and leave it in a well-ventilated place for a few days. Fuller paint containers can be dried out more quickly by adding mulch, kitty litter, shredded paper or a paint hardener from the hardware store. Follow directions carefully for the paint hardener.

With the lid removed, dispose of the dried latex, acrylic and water-based paints. Some municipalities prefer the paint cans to be separated from the other garbage. You can place the cans beside or on top of the trash container with the lid off so the trash collector can see that they're empty or dried out.

There is no need to take latex, acrylic and water-based paints to a hazardous waste collection site, as this costs tax payers money for unnecessary disposal.

