

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR LATEX PAINT



Approximately 60% of the material that is brought to Wake County Household Hazardous Waste Facilities is latex paint. Latex paint is not a hazardous material and small amounts can be dried out and safely disposed of in your trash. Please consider helping reduce the amount of latex paint that needs to be managed in HHW facilities in the following ways:



#1 REDUCE

Choose the right color by purchasing paint samples first. Use online paint coverage calculators to accurately estimate the amount of paint you need to buy so you don't have extra.



#2 REUSE

Contact art programs, charities, or community organizations to see if they can accept usable leftover paint. You can also share extra paint by posting on social media and local forums.



#3 RECYCLE

Wake County accepts **UP TO 10 CANS** of latex paint for recycling. If you have more than 10 cans of partially used paint, please consolidate the paint. This helps save on labor costs associated with recycling paint and use program funds for managing materials that are hazardous.



#4 DISPOSAL

If you have a little extra latex paint in the can or a rusty can of old paint that has gone bad, dry it to a solid- which is safe to dispose of in regular trash. To dry, leave the can open for a few days or mix in absorbents like kitty litter to speed up the process.

Note: Oil based paints should always be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for proper management.