

How Do I Dispose of Old Paint?



The easiest way to dispose of old paint is to use it up completely. But, what happens when you're all done and you still have paint leftover? Here is our advice:

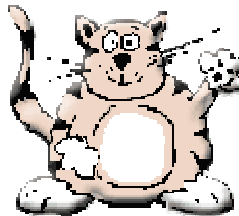
Buy only the amount you need – several businesses offer “paint calculators” to help estimate the amount you’ll need for your project!

Keep Painting – Yep, sounds silly, but what better place to put that last pint of paint but right there up on the wall! Then, let the empty can dry out and dispose of it with your regular trash, but be sure to keep the lid off!

Paint Something Else – It doesn't even have to need the paint! This works well if you have a small amount left in the can. An old piece of cardboard, scrap lumber, or even the inside of your garage will do. Again, let the can dry out and dispose of it with your regular household trash.

Store It For Later – Everyone has half-filled paint cans with good intentions to use them for “touch-ups” which never come. Your garage or basement ends up being a graveyard where paint goes to expire and die. To save your paint for a later date, just cover the opening with plastic wrap, put the lid on securely so it doesn't leak, then turn the can upside down. This creates a tighter seal keeping the paint fresh. Also, try to store the paint at room temperature so it doesn't freeze and thaw.

Now, if none of these options appeal to you try the Ultimate Kitty Litter Disposal --



The Ultimate Kitty Litter Paint Disposal Method

1. Buy a cheap bag of cat litter. Pour it into the liquid paint in the paint can.
2. Then, wait for the cat litter and mixture to solidify – if the paint is oil or solvent based, make sure you are in a well-ventilated area away from ignition sources. When the paint is completely absorbed by the cat litter it can be disposed of.

3. Leave the paint can lid **OFF** and place in your regular trash. The hauler will be able to see the paint is all dried up and can be taken safely to the landfill.