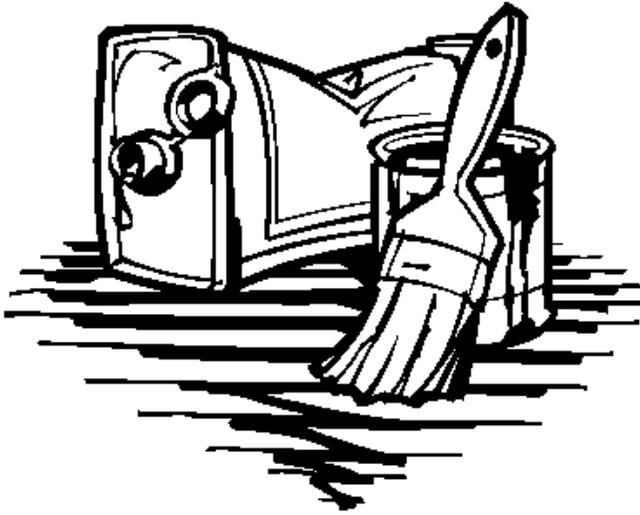


Six Easy Steps for Getting Rid of Your Old, Unwanted Paint



- 1) If you have empty paint cans with just a thin layer of dry latex paint you can recycle these cans. Call your waste hauler to see if they can take dry, empty paint cans for recycling. If not, bring them to the County Composting and Recycling Facility* on Hetcheltown Road. If you cannot recycle the can you can put it in the trash (see step #2).
- 2) If your paint can has only dry paint in it, then you can put it in your trash. Just remove the lid so the hauler can see that the can is empty or the paint is dry.
- 3) If the latex paint is usable (it has not been frozen and has not taken on a sandy texture and it does not have mold growing on it) and you have at least a ½ a gallon of that color that is not enamel, then you can possibly donate it to an organization that can use it. Call Bob Farquharson of the Schenectady Light Opera Company at 275-3072.
- 4) If the paint is unusable (see step #3 above) you can dry out the paint. Just thoroughly mix in kitty litter, saw dust or a commercial spill absorbent until the paint is totally absorbed by the material. Let it dry outside, under cover. When it is dry, treat the paint as in #2 above.
- 5) If you have more than 20 cans of paint after going through steps 1-4 above, then we ask that you combine your paint before bringing it to a household hazardous waste (HHW) collection. Pour like types of paint together. Mix colors but do not mix types. Do not mix latex with oil or lead paint. Do not mix oil based with latex based paint. Pour the paint together until you are down to 20 cans and then follow the directions in #6 below.
- 6) If you have oil based paint or have gone through steps 1-5 above and still have latex paint left, bring up to a carload of paint cans per collection to the HHW Program*. Register on line at www.schenectadycounty.com/hhw or call 518-386-2225 on Tuesday or Friday to make an appointment. Program is held monthly, April through November, location and times of the program may vary.

* An Annual Compost Facility permit is required. Visit <http://www.schenectadycounty.com/node/584>.



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