



# Latex Paint Update

**Research shows latex paint/stains can safely  
be placed into the garbage if they are  
solidified (dry)**

## **What is Latex Paint?**

Look on the can for key words, 'water based,' 'soap and water clean up.' Oil based paint will have key words, 'alkyd,' and 'clean up using solvents.'

## **How to solidify (dry) Latex Paint**

Small amounts (less than 1 inch): Remove lid and paint will dry.

Large amounts: Mix 50/50 with kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper or mix in a commercial paint hardener like 'Waste Away.'

Paint is dry enough when it has an oatmeal-like consistency and will not spill out of can.

## **How to dispose of solidified (dry) Latex paint**

Remove the lid and throw away with your garbage

Do not throw away ANY liquid paint or paint cans with lids intact

