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When you bring unwanted latex paint to a household hazardous waste event, we ask that it still be USABLE so it can be recycled. If you wouldn't use it if you could, then please dispose of it with your curbside trash. Here are some useful tips:



## Latex paint should not be brought to the collections when:

- Cans are smaller than one gallon
- Gallon cans are less than half full
- Cans are corroded/rusty
- Rattle noises heard when shaken
- Paint sitting longer than one year
- Paint was stored in unheated areas, like garages or sheds, over winter or paint that was obviously frozen

## Latex paint can safely be thrown in the trash when:

1. The paint is dried.
2. The lid of the paint can remains off and thrown away separately.

In order to dry out your unwanted latex paint, leave the lid off of the cans if they are less than half full. If the cans are mostly full, you may need to pour some of the paint into another container to decrease drying time. In addition, stirring in non-clumping cat litter, dirt, or inexpensive paint drying products that you can purchase at home improvement stores will expedite the drying process.

Once dried, place the paint cans in your curbside trash with the lids separate.



**For more information, contact:**

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- You help to decrease the demand for manufacturing new paint, ultimately reducing the need for energy and resources.
- It makes a great primer.
- If gray/beige is your color, it's a winner!
- You are reusing something that could have ended up in a landfill, so you are saving natural resources.
- It demonstrates that you are being environmentally-conscious.
- Your purchase helps to make the intergovernmental agreement between Porter County and the City of Hobart a success!

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