

It is safe to put latex paint in your trash once it is dry.



How to dry out your paint:

- Air dry latex paint by removing the lid from the paint can and allowing the liquid to evaporate. This works best for small quantities – i.e., an inch at the bottom of the can – and can take several days, so be prepared to be patient.
- To speed up the process, use a drying agent. Mix an equal amount of an absorbent material, such as cat litter, into the paint can and allow the paint to dry. In addition to cat litter, you can use sawdust, plaster of Paris, Oil-dri, or a product called waste paint hardener, which can be purchased at home improvement stores.

What **NOT** to do:

- Do not dump the paint on the ground or down storm drains where it will travel directly to the surface or groundwater.
- Do not pour paint down the drain. While small amounts of latex paint during cleaning can safely be washed down the drain, this practice should be kept to a minimum.
- Do not put liquid paint that has not been properly dried out into the regular trash. Leaking paint spills out of waste collection trucks onto city streets, making a mess that is difficult to clean.

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