

LATEX PAINT

HOW TO HANDLE WASTE PAINT:

What are latex paints, stains, and varnishes?

These products contain water as the solvent to keep the paint liquid. The containers indicate the product can be cleaned up with soap and water. Other key words found on the labels may be “acrylic”, silicone-based” and “keep from freezing.”

WHAT CAN I DO WITH UNWANTED LATEX PAINT, STAINS AND VARNISHES:

Latex products can be safely be disposed of in the regular trash if they are dried out first. For small quantities, take the lid off the can in a well ventilated area, and let it dry. For larger quantities, pour the paint in thin layers onto newspapers or plastic, allowing each layer to dry. You may also add cat litter, oil dry, or sawdust to assist in the drying process. Once dried, discard in your weekly garbage or you may bring the cans to the landfill.

Other latex products, such as spackling compounds, latex caulking compounds, latex adhesives, etc. may be managed the same way.

REMEMBER:

Discard the cans with the lids off so the waste haulers know the paint is dry.

WASTE REDUCTION TIP:

Don't buy more than you need, always try to use leftover paint or give it away.

QUESTIONS:

Call the Carroll County Solid Waste Management Commission at (712)792-5001.