# Please do not bring latex paint to hazardous waste collections.

Thousands of tax dollars are spent each year disposing of latex paint as hazardous when, in fact, it is not hazardous.

## Use it up!

Small amounts of paint can be mixed with other colors or bulked together and used as a primer coat or on jobs where the final finish is not critical.

Avoid creating waste at the start. Buy only what you need. One gallon of paint will cover between 250 and 350 square feet, depending on the porosity of the surface to be covered. A gallon of paint will cover closer to 250 square feet of surfaces that are more porous.

## Dry it up!

- All residual/leftover paint **must be hardened or dried**. Any liquid or soft paint will be left as unacceptable by collection crews.
- Remove lids from cans, and put both lids and cans into a plastic trash bag along with your regular household trash.



Don't put too many dried paint cans in your barrel at once

Please remember your trash cans must have less than 45 pounds of trash in them

#### Cans 1/4 or less full

- Simply remove the lid and place can in a safe, well-ventilated area.
- Cans 1/4 or less will dry in a few days.



#### Cans more than 1/4 full

Waste Paint Hardener is available: also wood chips, kitty litter, or shredded paper may also be used as a bulking/drying agent. Cans must be fully dried before being placed into bags and in your green rubbish barrel.

### Pass it on!

Donate unopened cans of paint. Many schools, religious groups, community groups, and theater groups will accept unopened cans of paint, especially white paint. Even a neighbor may need some extra paint. Also, check your paint store's policy on returning unopened cans of paint.