

What To Do With Leftover LATEX PAINT



Do you have left over Latex paint from your last *do it yourself* project? There are many ways you can deal with leftover Latex paint. Here are some suggestions:

-Find something else to paint! ☺ Many craft stores sell unfinished furniture, bird houses, and other wood projects. You can always find something in your own home that needs a fresh coat of paint, where appropriate.

-Do a swap! Maybe a neighbor, a friend, or a relative is planning their own painting project. If they can use up your left over paint, why not!

-If all else fails, dispose of the leftover Latex paint! Latex paint can be disposed in the trash if it is dry. To dry small amounts, remove the lid and let the paint dry in the can. For larger amounts, mix in kitty litter or pour one-inch layers of paint in a cardboard box lined with a plastic bag. Stir the paint occasionally to speed drying. Put completely dried paint in the trash.

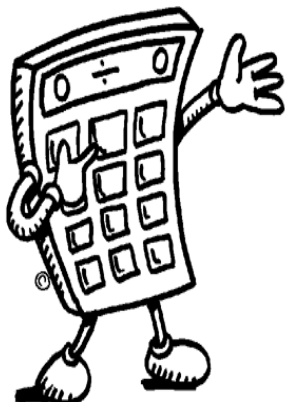
Beginning in September 2009, we will no longer accept Latex Paint at our quarterly Household Hazardous Waste Days!

Just Enough, and Not Too Much LATEX PAINT



Instead of throwing it out, save a few dollars and avoid the excess paint altogether!

Check these websites for simple and effective paint calculators:



Glidden Paint Calculator:
<https://www.glidden.com/products/InteriorCalculator.jsp>

MISTupid.com, The Online Knowledge Magazine Paint Calculator:
<http://mistupid.com/homeimpr/paint.htm>

Paint Quality Institute Paint Calculator:
<http://www.paintquality.com/diy/calculator/calc.html>

Often paint cans have the equation for calculating the amount needed for your paint job, printed on the container. These estimates are generally based on square footage.

Good Luck! Questions? Contact the Southbridge Health Department 508-764-4252