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Latex Paint Update

The Skagit County Hazardous Waste Facility no longer accepts latex paints

New research shows latex paints can safely be placed into the garbage if they are solidified (dried).

Dry out latex paint and throw it in the garbage in three steps:

1 Identify

Latex paint key words 'water based' and/or 'soap and water clean up.' Oil based paint key words, 'alkyd,' and 'clean up using solvents.' Unlike latex paint, oil based paints are hazardous and should not be thrown away.

2 Solidify

Less than 1" of paint: Remove lid and paint will dry. Large amounts: Mix 50/50 with kitty litter, sawdust, dirt, or shredded paper, or mix in a commercial paint hardener like 'Waste Away.'

3 Dispose

Do not throw away liquid paint, or paint cans with lids. Once the paint is dried out, throw it in the regular trash.

More information?

Call 360-424-7817 or visit us online at www.skagitcounty.net/recycle for a video tutorial.