



Duke University | Duke Health
Occupational and Environmental Safety Office
Environmental Programs Division

Latex Paint Disposal Policy

Purpose

To provide information on the proper disposal of latex paint across Duke University and Duke Health System. Latex paint is not a regulated waste, and the Environmental Programs Division does not pick it up for waste disposal. Once dried, it may be disposed of in the regular trash.

Responsibilities

Generators of latex paint shall:

- **Read, understand, and comply** with this policy;
- **Minimize** the quantities of waste generated by using up the paint when possible;
- **Drying the paint** – simply add **sand, kitty litter, or shredded paper** to the paint and stir to mix thoroughly and leave can to dry. This may take a few days to a week, depending on how much paint is left inside the can. Take precautions to prevent spillage, and keep the can out of reach of children, animals and heat sources. Once the paint is fully mixed and dry, the can may be placed into a regular garbage bag and placed into the dumpster.

Questions or concerns, please contact the OESO Environmental Programs Division at
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