

# 3 WAYS TO SAFELY DISPOSE OF PAINT

Prevent ground water pollution by donating or properly disposing of your leftover paint.

## RECYCLE



### PAINTS, STAINS AND OTHER ARCHITECTURAL COATINGS

Many interior and exterior architectural coatings in undamaged, 5-gallon or smaller containers can be recycled at a PaintCare drop-off for free.

View a full list of accepted items, guidelines and drop-off locations [paintcare.com](http://paintcare.com). Email [info@paint.org](mailto:info@paint.org) or call (855) PAINT09 for questions or assistance.



### AEROSOL PAINT CANS

Empty aerosol cans can be recycled at the Tacoma Recycle Center on 3510 S. Mullen St. for free. View a full list of accepted items and guidelines at [tacomarecycles.org](http://tacomarecycles.org).

Leftover product in a can may be considered hazardous waste and should be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Learn more at [cityoftacoma.org/hazwaste](http://cityoftacoma.org/hazwaste).

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

### OIL-BASED PAINT



Oil-based paints are flammable and cannot be recycled or thrown away in the trash.

#### DISPOSAL TIPS

- Drop off leftover oil-based paints at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for free. View a full list of accepted items and guidelines at [cityoftacoma.org/hazwaste](http://cityoftacoma.org/hazwaste).
- Empty oil-based paints may be placed in the garbage with the lid off.

## GARBAGE

### LATEX PAINT



Latex (water-based) paints must be dried and thrown away in the trash with the lid off.

#### DISPOSAL TIPS

- Containers with less than an inch of paint can be air dried in a safe area away from pets and children before disposal.
- Containers with more than an inch of paint can be mixed with an equal amount of clay-based cat litter to harden before disposal.

**PRO TIP**



Save your leftover paint for future do-it-yourself projects, touch-ups or to use as a base coat for another project. Prevent your paint from drying by layering plastic wrap directly on the paint before closing the lid. Then store upside down in an area where it cannot freeze.