

# Catawba County's Residential Paint Recycling Program

(Open Year Round)

## Blackburn Landfill Facility

4017 Rocky Ford Rd

Newton, NC 28658

Office: 704-462-1348

[www.catawbacountync.gov/ue/dispose.asp](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/ue/dispose.asp)

The Paint recycling service is now available during regular Landfill operating hours and is offered to the citizens of Catawba County, free of charge. Call 704-462-1348 for current hours.

### All Types of Paint accepted!

No business waste please.

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### Household Hazardous Waste One-Day Collection Event (includes Paint)

**Held on the first Saturday of November**

9am - 1pm

LP Frans Stadium

2500 Clement Blvd NW

Hickory, NC 28601

The drive through collection event is offered to the citizens of Catawba County, free of charge.

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### Paint Donations

(Accepts only new unopened cans of paint)

Resource Warehouse 828-256-2695

Habitat for Humanity 828-328-4663

### Helpful Hints...

Whenever possible, purchase latex or other water-based paints rather than oil-based products. Latex paint is not considered hazardous and is less harmful to the environment. It also cleans up easily with soap and water.

Aerosol paint can be sprayed on cloth material and left to dry. Once dry, it can be disposed of in the trash along with the empty can.

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



For more information on the proper disposal of paint and other types of household hazardous waste, read the product label, or call the Catawba County Utilities and Engineering Dept at 828-465-8217 or 704-462-1348.

# Paint Disposal

A Guide to the Proper  
Disposal of Paint Products



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## Brush up on the Facts

Paint is a common product that can become household hazardous waste when it is not completely used. Paint contains chemicals, such as solvents and metals, that can damage the environment and endanger human health if disposed of improperly.

Liquid paint should not be poured down the drain, sewer, dumped on the ground or thrown into the trash.

### *Use it up!*

The easiest way to dispose of your leftover paint is to use it!

- Apply an extra coat.
- Touch up scrapes and smudges.
- Paint closet interiors, garage walls, or storage shelves.
- Use as primer or undercoat.
- Give usable paint to neighbors, friends, relatives, or local outlets such as community service organizations, theater groups, or recreation departments for their use.

### *Pass it on!*

Donate unopened cans of paint. Many schools, community groups and other organizations will accept unopened cans of paint, especially white paint.

**Consider donating to the local Reuse stores listed on the reverse side of this brochure.**

### *Dry it up!*

**Empty cans** - remove lids from cans, and dispose of both lids and empty cans along with your regular trash.

**Cans 1/4 or less full** - Simply remove the lid and place can in a safe, well-ventilated area. Liquid will dry in a few days. Dispose in regular trash when completely dry.

**Cans more than 1/4 full** - Use mulch, sand, kitty litter, or shredded paper as a drying agent.

- Protect your work surface by lining it with old newspaper.
- Add drying agent.
- Stir and mix thoroughly.

Once the paint is completely dry you can dispose in the regular trash.

Please be sure that paint is **completely solidified** before placing in the trash. Liquid paint can spill during the collection process; paint leaking into trucks and onto roadways poses tremendous cleanup challenges.

### **Avoiding Future Paint Disposal**

- Avoid creating the waste from the start!
- Buy only the amount of paint you need. Measure the area to be painted (deduct window and door areas) so you'll be sure to purchase the correct amount.
- Use up existing paint before purchasing more.
- Apply another coat to use up leftover paint.
- Store leftover cans upside down and it will create a seal around the rim and keep the paint fresh.
- Store paint in dry area, where it will not freeze.

### **Did you know...**

Paint produced after 1978 will not contain lead, with the exception of some industrial paints. If you are unsure about the age of your paint, do not use it. Save all paint containing lead and bring to the County's paint collection area located at the Blackburn Landfill Facility (see reverse side for more information).

Because disposal costs through hazardous waste collection can be very costly for a community, it is important for citizens to look at all available use and disposal options.