

Catawba County's Residential Paint Recycling Program

Blackburn Landfill Facility

4017 Rocky Ford Rd

Newton, NC 28658

Office: (704) 462-1348

www.catawbacountync.gov

(Utilities and Engineering Dept)

- ◇ Paint recycling is available year round at the Blackburn facility. Call (704) 462-1348 for current hours.
- ◇ Service is available to citizens of Catawba County only and is free of charge.
- ◇ Only residential amounts accepted.

Latex & Oil Based Paint accepted!

No spray paint or business waste please

Catawba County Residential Household Hazardous Waste Bi-Annual Collection Events

Visit the website for event dates and times.

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- ◇ Convenient drive through collection events.
- ◇ Events are typically held in spring and fall.
- ◇ All types of paint accepted at events.
- ◇ Events are available to citizens of Catawba County only, free of charge.
- ◇ Only residential amounts accepted.

No business waste accepted

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.



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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 Proper Disposal of Paint Products

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Brush Up on the Facts!



Paint 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.

Don't...

- Don't pour liquid paint down the drain or sewer.
- Don't dump liquid paint on the ground.
- Don't throw liquid paint into the trash.

Do...

1. Use it up!

This is the easiest way to dispose of extra paint.

- ◇ 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.

2. Pass it on!

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



3. 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. Dispose in regular trash when completely dry.

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

Once the paint is completely dry, you can throw it away 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.

Paint Donations

(Accepts only new, unopened cans of paint)

Resource Warehouse (828) 256-2695
Habitat for Humanity (828) 328-4663

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 a 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 expensive for a community, it is important for citizens to look at all available use and disposal options.