

# Latex Paint: Dry it out!

To dry out latex paint, you have three options:

1. Air dry. Place paint cans in a well ventilated place, where children and animals won't get into it. Allow paint to dry in cans by removing lid and allowing liquids to evaporate. Paint cans should be less than 1/3 full. This can take several days. If more than 1/3 full, pour some paint into coffee can, ice cream bucket, or similar container.
2. Use a drying agent. Mix in an equal amount of an absorbent material and allow paint to dry. Use cat litter, sawdust, sand or "waste paint hardeners" found at home improvement stores.
3. Pour thin layers (about 1" of paint) into a cardboard box lined with newspaper. Allow paint to dry one layer at a time until all paint has hardened. When first layer has hardened, pour in another layer. When you've dried out all paint, bring the box to the Transfer Station with your regular trash.



Once paint in cans is thoroughly dry, paint cans may be discarded with your regular trash. Leave lid off cans so the Transfer Station attendants can see the paint is dried.