



# Lexington County, SC



## How to Dispose of Latex Paint

1. Lexington County residents may bring up to eight (8) gallons of liquid paint per household to each Special Recycling Drop-Off Event at which Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is being collected.
2. Paints labeled as “latex paint” are not technically hazardous and can be thrown away with your regular household garbage IF it is **completely dry** – to the bottom of the can. If not completely dry, it can leak from a garbage truck, ruin vehicles and/or private property and therefore your service provider has the right to refuse to pick up your garbage.
3. Latex paint that is **completely dry** may be taken to any of the eleven (11) Collection and Recycling Centers in Lexington County and should be placed in the ‘household garbage’ compacter. Be prepared to remove the lid(s) to prove to a site attendant that the paint is completely dry.
4. Latex paint that is **completely dry** may be brought to the Edmund Landfill for disposal. Be prepared to remove the lid(s) to prove to the scale house operator that the paint is completely dry.

## How to Dry Out Latex Paint

1. If there is very little paint in the can, leave the can open in a sunny area and let it dry out until you are comfortable holding the can of paint upside down.
2. If the paint can is full, pour half of it into another container.
3. Fill the paint can or container of paint up with an absorbent material such as kitty litter, sand, wood chips, saw dust, mulch, or cement.
4. Leave it overnight.
5. Add more absorbent material if needed.
6. Double bag the paint container and any absorbent material used before putting in your curbside garbage.



Do **NOT** pour paint down a household or storm drain.

## How to Dispose of Oil-Based Paints and Stains

Oil-based paints and stains must be taken to a Special Recycling Drop-Off Event at which Household Hazardous Waste is being collected. Up to eight (8) gallons of paint per household will be accepted from each Lexington County resident at each HHW collection event. Go to <https://lex-co.sc.gov> – Departments – Solid Waste Management for the event schedule or call Lexington County, Solid Waste Management at (803) 755-3325.

## Questions?

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