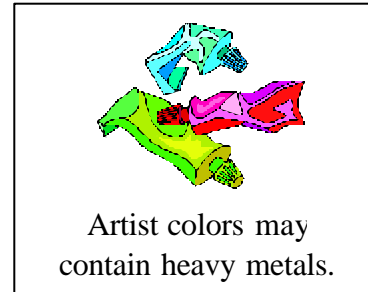


Latex Paint is NOT a Hazardous Waste



Most latex paints used on the SUNY Geneseo campus do not meet the definition of hazardous waste. There are exceptions - artist colors may contain sufficient levels of heavy metal pigments (Chromium, Cadmium, etc.) to require management as hazardous waste.

After discussions with the current campus waste hauler (Waste Management, Inc.) and the NYSDEC - and in keeping with campus emphases on waste minimization - the following procedures for disposal of latex paint have been developed.



Latex Paint, ONLY!

1. Determine that no other use for the paint exists. Note the amount used to avoid over-purchasing for similar uses in the future. *Waste paint makes a great primer!*
2. Verify that the paint does not contain Chromium, Cadmium, Lead or other heavy metal pigments (MSDS or manufacturer). If the paint does contain heavy metal pigments, it must be managed as a hazardous waste. Call EHS (*5512) for hazardous waste management instructions.
3. Take the paint containers outside.
4. Open the containers. If the paint can is more than half full, pour half the paint into an empty bucket and follow this procedure for the paint can and the paint in the bucket.
5. Add an amount of kitty litter equal to the amount of paint in the container.
6. Stir until well mixed.
7. Add more kitty litter until all liquid paint is absorbed.
8. Dispose of the paint can lids. (*WMI requires the lids be disposed of separately.*)
9. Allow the paint/kitty litter mixture to completely dry. This must be done outdoors or in Clark Volatile Storage – permission to use Volatile Storage must be received from EHS and Central Stores.
10. After paint has completely dried, the cans/buckets may be placed in the Clark Dumpster for disposal as solid waste.

The kitty/litter paint mixtures must be completely dried prior to placing in the dumpster.

Hazardous Waste Paints:

Oil-based Paints, paint thinners, solvents, etc.

Non-empty aerosol cans

Heavy metal pigmented paints



These must be managed and disposed of as hazardous waste – the above latex paint disposal procedures cannot be used for disposal of hazardous waste. Call EHS for instructions on hazardous waste management.