

## Proper Paint Disposal Guidelines

### Disposing of Latex Paint:

- Remove the lid and allow the contents to air dry
- Add kitty litter, sawdust, shredded newspaper or any absorbent material to accelerate the drying process
- Dried latex paint may be thrown away in your regular household trash – leave the lids off any cans to show that the paint has hardened

### Disposing of Oil-Based Paint

- Residents of Washtenaw County should take it to the Home Toxics Reduction Center at 705 N. Zeeb, Ann Arbor – Call 734-222-3950 for the hours

Why not just pour it down the drain??

Flushing excess paint down the sink or sewer system threatens human and ecosystem health. Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to process these materials.

Latex paints are 20-60% water and may “travel” great distances, ending up in the ground water or a waterway which can contaminate drinking water.

Tips to prevent the need to dispose of paint:

- Avoid buying more than you need
- Save excess paint for touch-ups by resealing the lid – properly stored latex paint is generally usable for 15 years
- Donate left over paint to an organization or neighbor that could use it