



HOW DO I GET RID OF IT?

The A to Z Guide for Recycling & Disposal in Pinellas County

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/getridofit>

Questions? Call Solid Waste at 464-7500.

All phone numbers are area code 727, unless otherwise indicated.

Oil Paint

oil-based alkyd, polyurethane, or varnish paint in a spray or can



This is hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash, pour down the drain, or on the ground! EMPTY cans are safe to dispose in the trash.

1. **Reduce** waste by buying only as much paint as you need.
2. **Use** leftover paint by:
 - a) Painting a closet, garage, basement, attic, or some other out-of-the-way place.
 - b) Painting a primer coat (which will be covered with a final coat).

TIPS: If the paint will mix when stirred, it is probably still usable. Do not reuse paint purchased before 1978 since it may contain lead. See [Tips to Extend the Life of Leftover Paint](#).
3. **Drop off** unopened or partially used (liquid or dry) cans at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or the [HEC₃ facility](#) for reuse or recycling (free for residents).
4. **Donate** leftover paint:
 - a) The City of St. Petersburg needs donations of unopened or partially used cans of paint for repainting homes of elderly or low-income residents. Call Brenda Stewart at 893-7373 to arrange drop-off or pickup.
 - b) Local theater group, home hobbyist, house rehabilitation organizations, low-income housing program, or school (for art, theater, or woodworking classes).
 - c) Use [Freecycle](#)—Sign up for a local group (Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, North Pinellas, Largo, or St. Petersburg), and list your paint.
 - d) Use [Craigslist Free Stuff](#)—Select “post” to list your paint.
5. **Business** options:
 - a) See options listed above.
 - b) **Drop off** paint at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or an [EnviroBusiness Day](#) event at the HEC₃ facility (for a [fee](#)).
 - c) **Contact** a [Chemical Recycling and Disposal Company](#).

Also see: [Latex paint](#)