

***Latex paint will not be accepted at Household Hazardous Waste collections. It can be disposed of at home because it does not contain toxic material.***

The easiest way to dispose of paint would be to use it up completely. Apply a second coat to your project; use it up on a piece of old cardboard, or scrap wood. Let the can dry out and dispose of it in your regular garbage.

You can add shredded newspapers, kitty litter or Waste Paint Hardener (available at most hardware stores) to your latex paint. Let the paint dry out completely. This should be done in a well-ventilated area and away from children and pets. After the paint has dried, put the container in your garbage with the lid off so the garbage hauler knows the can is empty.

## ***Household Batteries***

Alkaline batteries made after 1996 no longer contain mercury. All alkaline batteries can be disposed of in the regular trash.

The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (1-800-8-BATTERY) has a free battery collection program. Rechargeable, small sealed lead acid, nickel-cadmium, Li- ion, and Nickel Metal Hydride batteries can be recycled through this program. They supply guidance, the collection containers, and the shipping labels. For more information, visit their website at [www.rbrc.org](http://www.rbrc.org).

You may still bring them to our Hazardous Household Waste Collection in September.

## ***Prescription Drug Disposal***

The new Federal prescription drug disposal guidelines urge Americans to:

Take unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers

Mix the prescription drugs with an undesirable substance, like used coffee grounds or kitty litter, and put them in impermeable, non-descript containers, such as empty cans or sealable bags, further ensuring that the drugs are not diverted or accidentally ingested by children or pets

Throw these containers in the trash

Flush prescription drugs down the toilet only if the accompanying patient information specifically instructs it is safe to do so

Return unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs to pharmaceutical take-back locations that allow the public to bring unused drugs to a central location for safe disposal