

Latex Paint Recycling Program

In 2020, the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District partnered with American Paint Recyclers in Van Wert, Ohio to offer a latex paint recycling service to communities in Cuyahoga County.

American Paint Recyclers (APR) takes usable latex paint, blends similar colors together with new base colors, and markets the recycled “Ecotone” brand paint. Ecotone is sold in Habitat for Humanity Re-Stores. American Paint Recyclers also recycles the paint cans they receive, and an impressive 90% of the material they collect is recycled.

The District recommends that latex paint, which is non-hazardous, be dried out and placed in the regular trash. It is not accepted in the District’s Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal Program. However, we recognize that some latex paint still makes it into your HHW collections and needs to be disposed of properly.

Cuyahoga County’s Latex Paint Disposal Program is designed to help with the latex paint that, unfortunately, arrives at your collection events. Instead of drying out the paint at your city service garage, which takes labor and materials, the District can provide you an option for disposal.

The program works like this:

- Place cans of latex paint in a specific gaylord box w/liner provided by American Paint Recyclers.
- Return the full box to the District. Latex paint collections are held about 4 times a year, depending on how quickly cities have filled their boxes.
- The District schedules a latex paint pick-up with APR.
- The Solid Waste District pays APR’s transportation and shipping costs. Your community pays \$85/gaylord for recycling of the latex paint. APR bills your city directly for the disposal costs. *Note* Any oil-based paint found in with the latex paint will be charged at \$1.00 per pound. Make sure you are sorting carefully.

This is not a recommendation to begin accepting latex paint from residents. If promoted, you may receive an overwhelming amount of latex paint in your community. This service is not designed to handle large volumes. Some communities have chosen to collect larger amounts of latex paint from residents and have set up their own program directly with American Paint Recyclers.

If you would like more details about the Latex Paint Recycling Program, or would like to begin collecting latex paint in your community, contact:

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