

Paint Disposal

General Information:

Both latex and oil-based paint are not typically considered hazardous waste, but they should not be placed in the garbage in a liquid state. Sarasota County residents may dispose of unwanted paint by following the procedures outlined below in the Helpful Tips section or they may bring unused paint to one of the three Chemical Collection Centers.

Operating Hours:

Bee Ridge Chemical Collection Center

Citizen's Convenience Center

Jackson Road Chemical Collection Center

8750 Bee Ridge Road
Monday-Saturday
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

4000 Knight's Trail Road
Monday-Friday
8 a.m.-5 p.m
Saturday
8 a.m.-2 p.m.

250 S. Jackson Road
Wednesday-Saturday
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Helpful Tips:

- Open containers and assess the amount of paint remaining.
- Use it as a primer on your next painting project to minimize waste.
- Give it to someone that can use it. Do NOT leave it at a not-for-profit without their approval. Call and ask if the non-profit can use the paint before delivering it to them.
- Place old, hardened latex in the trash as garbage. Leave the lids off.
- If it is old, but not hardened, remove the lid and allow the paint to dry in the can. This may take some time and must be done under cover to prevent rainwater from entering the cans.
- Most paint supply stores sell hardeners that will speed up the drying process of latex paint. The hardened paint can then be placed in the trash as garbage.
 - Sand or kitty litter may be used as an alternative.
- Bring unwanted paint to one of the Sarasota County Chemical Collection Centers.
 - Residents may dispose of paint for free (limits may apply).
 - Businesses may be eligible to participate in Project Green Sweep, a Sarasota County operated disposal program that accepts all forms of waste paint materials (charges apply).
 - Weekly disposal quantities are limited.
 - Businesses will be provided with a receipt and disposal record.
 - For more information call 941-861-5000.