

Paint best management practices summary

City of Calgary regulations

- Wastewater bylaw number 14M2012
- Drainage bylaw number 37M2005

Paint waste management

Latex and water-based paint:

- Unused paint must be disposed of at a paint waste drop-off facility and cannot be discharged into the wastewater or storm drainage systems, or in the garbage.
- Wash water used to clean brushes can go down a drain connected to the wastewater system.
- Dried paint and empty cans can be disposed of at a designated firehall or City landfill Throw 'n' Go area.

Oil-based paint:

- Unused paint must be disposed of at a paint waste drop-off facility and cannot be discharged into the wastewater or storm drainage systems.
- Paint thinner waste cannot be discharged into the wastewater or storm drainage systems.
- No oil-based paint waste can be disposed of in the garbage.

Paint disposal

Residential:

Full, empty and dry paint cans (water-based and oil-based) are accepted in Household Hazardous Waste programs. A total of 20 litres of household chemicals can be accepted per week, free of charge, at any of the City Landfill Throw 'n' Go areas or at a designated fire station.

Household hazardous waste must be properly labelled and packaged:

- Leave the leftover household hazardous waste in the original container or make sure it is clearly labelled indicating the contents.
- Leftover household hazardous waste should be packaged securely in a sealed, spill-proof container.

Commercial:

The East Calgary Landfill accepts commercial paint at one of two locations within the landfill, depending on the quantity. Smaller quantities are placed at the Throw 'n' Go area. Large quantities are placed at the paint transfer station. Commercial paint businesses are responsible for appropriate packaging and unloading of all materials.

To learn more, go to calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere and search for paint.

For more information or to request the detailed version of the of *Paint best management practices* document contact 311.