

Tips for buying, using and recycling paint

Here are five things you should know about buying, using and recycling paint.

Service Overview

The Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility (HMMF) collects paint **free of charge** for Boulder County, City and County Broomfield, and Town of Erie residents. Businesses are charged a small fee to dispose of paint.



Helpful Tips

Buy the right amount: Talk to your paint retailer about your project size and scope. They can help you buy the right amount of paint and greatly reduce the extra paint you'll have leftover. You can also find free paint on the reuse shelves at the HMMF.

Store paint properly: This helps the paint you have last longer. After using, be sure to remove excess paint from the rim and securely seal the lid. Store paint indoors to protect from freezing and moisture. And remember to store out of the reach of children and pets.

Use what you've got: Label cans with the room name or project they were used in, for future touchups or for smaller related projects. Extra latex paint can be used for a base coat for projects. If you can't use it, ask friends or family if they can.

Recycle the rest: Bring leftover paint to the HMMF. Good paint will be put on the reuse shelves for others to take for free. Some latex paint will be sent for recycling.

Still an option: Oil-based paints and stains are household hazardous waste, and should always be disposed of at the HMMF. Latex, on the other hand, can be safely dried out and placed in the trash with the lid off; however, we encourage all to recycle latex paint through the HMMF.

For disposal or reuse of paint and hazardous waste, visit us at:



Hazardous Materials Management Facility

1901c 63rd Street, Boulder

Open: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Closed: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & county holidays

720.564.2251, www.bouldercountyrecycles.org