



Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority

How to Recycle or Properly Dispose of Hard to Recycle or Hard to Dispose of Items

The **Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority** does NOT provide hazardous waste collection in Monongalia County.

There are limited resources for where residents can *Recycle or Dispose of Properly Hard to Recycle or Hard to Dispose of Items* in Monongalia County.

Plan Ahead Tips

When purchasing *hard to recycle and hard to properly dispose of items*

- Ask a knowledgeable person at the store about any recycle, reuse or refill programs they provide
 - o Some local stores do have these options
- Check the product's website for recycling, reuse, or refill programs
- Before purchasing – look for an exchange or swap event like Friends of Deckers Creek Paint Exchange to save money!

Don't see your item in the calendar or on the Collection Events' List of Accepted Items? **Contact Us!**
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Latex Paint

Latex paint is **NOT** accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.

Liquid latex paint cannot be thrown away. Because latex paint is water-based it is easy to dry it out and dispose of it in your trash **AFTER** you completely dry it out.



Short List of Ways to Properly Dispose of Latex Paint

1. Dry it out – use cat litter, shredded paper, sand or saw dust to absorb the liquid and let it dry
2. If you have a lot left in the can you'll need to stir the absorbent to the consistency of thick oatmeal (no longer in liquid form)
3. If little paint remains, remove the top and let it air dry and harden (this can take a while depending on how much is in the can)
 - Use it up to help dry it out by painting an object
4. Use a paint hardener to help dry it out

Other Ways to Properly Dispose of Latex Paint

- Take it to **Friends of Deckers Creek Paint Exchange** on July 19th
- Donate or see if your neighbor or somebody can use it

How to dispose of Propane tanks?



Propane and Helium Tanks

Propane and helium tanks are accepted at the yearly Household Hazardous Waste Collection event in August. This includes the small camping propane canisters.

The only other option the rest of the year is through the manufacturers' or local stores' recycle, refill, or reuse programs.

Try This Instead

- Buy helium balloons at the store
- Rent a reusable helium tank