

The Gainesville Zero Waste News

Recycling Your Old Paint Is As Easy As 1-2-3

Whether you've undertaken a large or small painting project, chances are you'll end up with some leftover paint. If you find yourself with surplus paint, recycling that paint is as easy as 1-2-3 for Gainesville and Alachua County residents.

1. Verify That It Can Be Recycled

- Paints accepted for recycling by Alachua County includes: **latex (water-based), oil-based, enamel, acrylic, decking paint, primers, stains, varnishes, waterproofing paint, rust preventatives, and paint in spray cans.** Paint thinners and solvents are also accepted.
- Cans of latex paint with only small amounts left can be dried out and disposed of in your regular trash. Just pop the lid and let it sit out for a few days in a well-ventilated area.
- Empty aerosol spray paint cans can be recycled in your blue bin.



2. Prep Before You Go

- **Check that all paint can lids are tightly shut to prevent spills during transportation.**
- Make sure each container has a label that identifies what material is inside. If the original label is missing, write the contents clearly on the side of the container.

3. Drop-off Locations

- [Alachua County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center](#) (5125 NW 63rd Ave.).
- Any of the five [Alachua County Rural Collection Centers](#).

By recycling your unused paint, you're actively contributing to a cleaner and more sustainable environment for the entire community.

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