



## Paint

Paint operations generate waste paint in three main areas: 1) Solvents used in cleanup operations, 2) Leftover paint after completion of a project, and 3) Volatile Organic Compounds emitted to the atmosphere.

### Correct:

- ✓ Use paint and solvents with the lowest possible VOC content. Avoid oil based paints and paints containing metals. Use latex paints whenever possible.
- ✓ Limit your use of thinner to the maximum extent possible. Use cleaning solvent the maximum number of times before disposal.
- ✓ Try to practice good inventory control. But only enough paint to complete the job.
- ✓ Keep all paint and solvent containers closed when not in use to minimize evaporation and prevent spills.
- ✓ Use an industrial rag service to avoid having to treat solvent rags as hazardous waste.
- ✓ Contact EHS for assistance with disposal of paint and paint related material.
- ✓ If you collect paint or solvent waste in drums, keep the lid closed at all times, unless adding material, and label the container “Used Paint” or another applicable name.

### Incorrect:

- ✗ Do Not discharge any paint, solvent, or paint cleanup wash water into storm drains, surface water, or onto the ground.
- ✗ Do Not dispose of paint filters in a dumpster if you are using oil based paints.