

PAINT, PAINT AND MORE PAINT.

We all have that shelf somewhere in our home that holds years of leftover paint. There always seems to be some left after any painting project. Once that shelf gets full and it's time to get rid of the partially-full cans, what can be done?

Paint is actually considered a household hazardous waste. In fact, it is the most commonly collected item at HHW collection events. If disposed of improperly it can be harmful to Grayson's environment and water resources. Knowing that liquids can not be disposed of in the regular trash, here are a few tips to empty that shelf while protecting nature.

If the can is less than half full, solidify the paint with cat litter, sawdust, or shredded newspaper, then throw it away with the regular trash. If the can is over half full, consider these options:

- Share it with a friend or neighbor
- Start a fun, family art project
- Drop it off for recycling at a community event

Grayson's partners in stormwater management, Gwinnett County, hosts four events every year to collect paint and other hard to recycle items. These events are held each season and are free to the public.

Check with Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful at GwinnettCB.org to find the next event.

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