



Paint Factsheet

Storing Paint

Paint should be kept somewhere it avoids getting frost damage – for example in a utility room or under a kitchen sink.

Passing on unwanted Paint for Reuse

Unwanted paint can be passed on for reuse via online exchange websites. Adverts for unwanted items are placed free of charge and the unwanted item can then be collected for reuse.

What to do with Paint Not Suitable for Reuse

If there is no alternative and the paint must be disposed of, then please let the paint harden and put in the green-lidded general waste bin once it is no longer liquid.

There are two methods available to do this:

1. You can buy a paint hardener from any DIY store: One packet contains enough crystals to harden 2.5 liters of water based or latex paint. It is easy to use, works in minutes and is not toxic.

Or

2. Add sawdust, soil, cat litter or concrete to the tin and leave the lid off until the paint becomes solid and dry (please pierce the dried paint before disposing of it to ensure it is fully hardened). Leave the lid off the tin to allow for easy inspection. If the lid is metal and well cleaned, it can be disposed of in the scrap metal skip at Recycling Centres.

For further information:

Please contact the Council's Customer Service Team on 01738 476476 or email recycle@pkc.gov.uk.