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What to do with old paint? Many people have heard that you should mix kitty litter with old latex paint to dry it up before tossing it in the trash. But, does that really work? You bet it does! The paint can in this photo was about two-thirds full with old latex paint before 3-4 scoops of kitty litter were mixed into the can. The paint dried up so well that you could lift the heavy paint can off the ground just using the paint stirring stick that was stuck in the mix. But what about oil-based paints? Put oil-based paints to the side and bring them to your county's next Household Hazardous Waste Collection event. Check your county's recycling webpage at [https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/county\\_websites.htm](https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/county_websites.htm) for the dates of future Household Hazardous Waste Collection events. Learn more about recycling at [recycle.nj.gov](https://recycle.nj.gov).



## Paint Disposal Hack Unlocked!

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