Frequently Asked Questions

**What do I do with leftover paint?**

Donate your leftover paint to friends, relatives, non-profits, even theater groups for scene/prop work.

Paint and varnish are the most common household products that become household hazardous waste. There are two types of paints and varnishes: oil based and water based (latex). Latex paint is not considered hazardous and is NOT collected at Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events.

**Oil paint disposal:** Oil based paint, turpentine, paint remover, paint thinner, shellac, stains & varnishes, furniture stripper and finisher and wall paper cement are all accepted at Northampton County Household Hazardous Waste events.

**Latex paint disposal:** Latex Paint is water based and NOT considered hazardous waste. It is NOT accepted at Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events.

**Latex Paint Recycling:** The best option to manage latex paint is to give it to someone to use or recycle it. Visit Northampton County Department of Economic Development and Community Affairs or ReStore’s Facebook pages for latex paint acceptance criteria and local latex recycling events.

**Unopened cans of latex paint can be donated at Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

1053 Grape Street
Whitehall, PA 18052
Telephone: (610) 776-7499
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To dispose of open containers of latex paint:

How to solidify water based (latex) paint: When solidifying paint, the same safety precautions should be taken as for painting walls and other surfaces. (i.e.: wear gloves, don't smoke, keep area ventilated)

For smaller quantities: Take an absorbent material such as kitty litter, sand, saw-dust, newspaper and add to the paint. Stir paint. The paint will absorb to these materials and speed along the drying process. The drying time depends on the amount of paint you have, and the amount of absorbent material you add.

For Large Quantities: Dump paint into an old bucket or trash bag lined cardboard box. Add absorbent material and stir. You may want to add absorbent material first to ease the mixing process.

For all methods, to ensure latex paint is dry, plunge a screwdriver or other tool into the paint. If it does not penetrate, paint is dry. Once water based paint (latex) is dry it is safe to throw in the trash.

How do I dispose of old electronics?

Computers and many electronics contain heavy metals and other materials that should be recycled if possible. Below are a few options for computer and electronics recycling.

1) Check with the manufacturer or retail outlet to see if a take-back, drop off, donation or mail-back program is available.

2) Find a local drop-off location:

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<td>3764 Easton Nazareth Highway&lt;br/&gt;Easton, PA 18045&lt;br/&gt;(610) 258-6344</td>
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<td>AERC</td>
<td>2591 Mitchell Ave</td>
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What can I do with old batteries?

Rechargeable batteries are accepted at most electronics retail locations, including Loews, Home Depot Stores and Staples without a fee, please confirm first.

Alkaline and Zinc Carbon Batteries
(A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9V)
These batteries are deemed ‘safe’ to throw in the trash by the Pennsylvania DEP, but this does not mean that these types of batteries can’t be recycled.

Drop Off:
AERC or GER (see above)

Button Cell Batteries
(Silver Oxide, Lithium, Alkaline)
Button Cell Batteries have numbers on the top of them. Button cell batteries with numbers that start with an "L" can be safely thrown away or recycled as alkaline of lithium batteries, above. Those with identification numbers that begin with an “S” contain mercury, and can be taken to any HHW event for recycling.

Lead Acid Batteries
(Car, Boat, Motorcycle, Emergency Lighting, Alarm Systems etc.)

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Contact your local auto service center, or the battery manufacturer. Lead Acid Batteries can be taken to any HHW event for recycling.

**Rechargeable Batteries**  
*(Cell phone, Laptop, Camera, Power Tool, Camcorder etc.)*

Most rechargeable batteries consist of the following:
- Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
- **Nickel Metal** (Ni-MH)
- Lithium Ion (Li-ion)
- Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn)

All rechargeable Batteries can be taken to or any HHW event for recycling.

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**Where can I take gasoline and used motor oil?**

It’s always best, wherever possible, provided it’s not contaminated, to use gasoline in your power equipment or vehicle.

All automotive items and materials including the list below are acceptable at Northampton County HHW events:

- Grease and Rust Solvents
- Fuel Additives
- Motor Oil
- Antifreeze
- Gasoline
- Carburetor Cleaners
- Transmission/Brake Fluid
- Lead Acid Batteries
- Antifreeze and Motor Oil

When dropping off motor oil, please make sure it does not contain additives, is not contaminated in any way or mixed with gasoline, anti-freeze or any other fluid. DO NOT leave motor oil on the premises when establishment is closed.

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Where can I take light bulbs for recycling?

Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs or CFL's are a great way to reduce your electricity bill while lessening your carbon footprint. However, these types of bulbs contain a small amount of mercury and should be handled carefully and disposed of properly at all times.

Intact CFL bulbs can be taken to any Home Depot, Lowes or Staples for free proper disposal and recycling.

Please DO NOT throws them in the trash.

Conventional, straight or circular, fluorescent bulbs can be taken to AERC or FreeCycle or HHW events.

Refrigerators, dehumidifiers and scrap metal can be recycled at Einfalt’s Recycling and Salvage (see above). Refrigerant will be removed at recycled.

How can I recycle my refrigerator or freezer?

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