

Best Management Practices

How To Properly Dispose of Latex and Oil-Based Paints

Preventing Pollution: It's Up to Us!

In the Youngstown Area, storm drains transport water directly to local creeks and lakes without treatment. Unfortunately, the water carries with it common sources of pollution that include fluids from vehicles, construction debris, sediment created by erosion, landscaping runoff containing pesticides or weed killers.

Do the Job Right! Handling Paint Products



Keep all liquid paint products and wastes away from the gutter, street, and storm drains.

Never pour excess paint of any kind down a storm drain or any other drain.



When thoroughly dry, completely empty paint cans can be disposed of as garbage or recycled.

Either way, take the lid off all cans to ensure they are dry.

Never rinse paint containers into a storm drain, creek, gutter or any drain.

For water-based paints, paint out brushes as much as possible then rinse brush in a sink with a drain that goes to the sanitary sewer.

Dispose of unwanted oil-based and latex paints, thinners, sludge, adhesives, etc. by bringing them to a household hazardous waste collection day held by the Mahoning County Green Team (call the Green Team at 330-740-2060)
