

## HOW TO PACK PAINTS AND STAINS

Properly packing paints and stains prevents spills from damaging your vehicle and efficiently sorts your materials to be processed by program staff.



**The Home Toxics Center accepts all spray paints, all oil-based paints and stains, all lead paints, and latex paints and stains that are not fully dried or empty.**

Dispose of dry or empty latex paint cans by removing the lid and placing in your household trash. This material is not hazardous.

**Bring dry and empty cans of spray paints, oil-based paints, or lead paints to the Home Toxics Center.**

To determine if paint is latex or oil-based, check the label for the following words:

<b>Latex/Water-based</b>	<b>Oil-Based/Alkyd</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Acrylic</li><li>- "Clean up with soap and water"</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Flammable</li><li>- Combustible</li><li>- Inflammable</li><li>- Resin</li><li>- "Clean with mineral spirits"</li></ul>

**If a can of paint does not have a label or you cannot tell if it is latex or oil-based, bring it to the Home Toxics Center.**

Place paints into a plastic tote or cardboard box to prevent a spill from damaging your vehicle.