



# Best Management Practices for Paint Handling and Equipment Washing



Paint contains chemicals such as metals and solvents that can be harmful to the environment if handled improperly. Liquid paint should *never* be discharged into a drain or thrown into the trash.

If you need to dispose of leftover paint, paint cleaning solutions, or rinse water from cleaning paint equipment please follow the guidance below.

## Paint

PLACE ON CONTAINER WHEN FIRST DROP OF WASTE IS GENERATED

**UCSB HAZARDOUS WASTE**  
University of California, Santa Barbara, California 93106

Waste must be segregated, labeled & packaged per California law and Campus Procedures (www.ehs.ucsb.edu).

Faculty Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proper Chemical Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Physical State:  Liquid  Solid  Gas To request a waste pickup go to [www.ehs.ucsb.edu](http://www.ehs.ucsb.edu)

Chemical Hazard Classification:  Flammable  Corrosive(acid/base)  Oxidizer  Reactive(air/water)  Toxic/Poison

In case of an emergency contact UCSB-EH&S at x3194

- All paint generated by UCSB departments must be disposed of as hazardous waste through EH&S. Submit a hazardous waste pickup request to EH&S for disposal and include a recharge number.
- Students may dispose of their paint waste through the Santa Barbara Community Hazardous Waste Center and do not require a hazardous waste label.

## Containers and Applicators

- If all paint within an empty container or on an applicator is **completely** dry it may be disposed of in the garbage.
- It is *illegal* to deliberately leave a partially full container of wet paint open to dry. Containers with wet paint must be covered when not in use.



## Rinse Water and Paint Thinners



- Paint thinners used to clean oil-based paint on brushes or equipment must be disposed of as hazardous waste through EH&S.
- Rinse water from cleaning water-based paint on brushes or equipment may be discharged to the sanitary sewer drain if a filtration device is used to collect any paint solids.
- Some suggestions for drain filters include:
  - Felt filter bags (to be placed in either drain or secondary bucket)
  - Coffee filter inside a funnel
  - Fine gauge mesh drain filter

## Summary

### Oil Based Paint

- Wet paint ⇒ Hazardous Waste Disposal (EH&S)
- Dry paint ⇒ Garbage
- Rinse water ⇒ Hazardous Waste Disposal (EH&S)
- Paint thinner ⇒ Hazardous Waste Disposal (EH&S)

### Water based and Latex Paint

- Wet paint ⇒ Hazardous Waste Disposal (EH&S)
- Dry paint ⇒ Garbage
- Rinse water ⇒ Sanitary sewer with filter