TITLE: PAINT DISPOSAL

Regulatory Citation: Not Applicable.

Applicability: Leftover paints

Purpose: Proper handling and storage of paint containers.

Person or Department Responsible: Assistant to Exec Mgr

Schedule: As needed

Procedures: These procedures will be followed for paint disposal:

1. Latex flat paints can be combined into one container labeled as latex flat paint to reduce the number of partially full containers to be disposed.
2. Latex semi-gloss paints can be combined into one container labeled as latex semi-gloss paint to reduce the number of partially full containers to be disposed.
3. Used paint thinner will be poured into the fire rated safety container in the Maintenance shop labeled, “Hazardous waste – flammable solvent”
4. Oil based paints, thinners, solvents, epoxy or other materials labeled as flammable should be left in their original container or used up to the extent possible. Small amounts of unused paint thinners can be poured into the Hazardous waste – flammable solvent” container.
5. Empty containers of paint should be left open in the paint room to air dry. The empty containers of thinner or solvent should be left open inside the flammable storage cabinet to dry. Once empty containers are dry, write “EMPTY” across the container label and throw out in the regular trash.
6. Spackle, joint compound - let dry solid and throw out in regular trash.
7. Empty spray cans will be thrown out in regular trash. Partially full should be set aside with other oil based paints, thinners, etc for proper disposal as a hazardous waste.
8. Notify the Director of EHS of all paints, solvents, thinners, spray cans so that they can be properly labeled and stored at the Cogan hazardous waste storage shed. Arrangements will be made for pick up with the
approved hazardous waste vendor. The Director of EHS will sign waste manifests and maintain files.

**Record keeping:** Hazardous waste manifests; non hazardous waste receipts

**Record Location:** EHS Office, environmental files

**Contact:**
- Exec Mgr Physical Plant (629-7427)
- Assistant to Exec Mgr (629-7361)
- Director of Environmental, Health and Safety (629-7163)

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