



If you are unable to use up your leftover paint, full and partially full paint cans may be dropped off at Ocean County's

Northern and Southern Recycling Centers, Point Pleasant Beach, Dover, Lacey, Brick, Little Egg Harbor and Berkeley Recycling Centers from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Residents can also drop off their paint at the Seaside Park and Tuckerton Public Works garages. These two sites will accept paint from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Residents can bring up to 20 paint cans per day to these sites for proper disposal. This program is for latex, oil based and boat paints only. The program is open to homeowners, not businesses.

Residents who have *empty steel paint cans* may bring them to the Northern or Southern Recycling Centers during operating hours. The paint cans must be *empty and dry*. Residents are limited to *twenty* empty cans per visit. The Centers will accept pickup truck loads of empty paint cans from municipalities and retirement communities. They should contact the Northern or Southern Recycling Centers to make arrangements.

Motor oil, batteries and antifreeze should be recycled. Bring these materials to the Northern or Southern Recycling Centers. Your municipality or service station may also have recycling drop-offs for these materials.



Remember, cleaning up the environment is up to all of us! Leftover household products that are toxic can contaminate our air, water and land. Store leftover products for another project and use them up! Or, give them to others to use up. *You can make a difference by doing your part!*



For further information on Ocean County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program and other solid waste activities in Ocean County, contact:

Ocean County Solid Waste Management Hotline
1-800-55-RECYCLE

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DO YOUR PART!



**A GUIDE TO
BUYING, USING &
DISPOSING OF
HOUSEHOLD TOXIC
PRODUCTS**



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Ocean County Recycles

Ocean County runs several **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days** each spring and fall for homeowners of Ocean County. This program costs money to run -- **your money** -- the taxpayer. Here are some things **you** can do as a responsible consumer to help the County reduce the costs of the program. Doing your part will save tax dollars and protect Ocean County's environment!



It starts with you, the consumer. The household products you purchase that are toxic eventually require disposal. **Read labels** before you purchase your household products. Part of being a responsible consumer starts with your trip to the market!

When shopping, choose the least toxic products for your home and avoid aerosol sprays whenever possible. Equally important, **buy only what you need to complete your household chores.** Learn to read labels because they provide you with important information about the product, such as ingredients, usage, storage, disposal and hazards associated with use.



Carefully follow directions concerning the proper disposal of household toxic products. Watch for words on the product label such as "**pesticide,**" "**caustic,**" "**flammable,**" "**warning,**" "**danger,**" "**poison,**" or "**keep away from heat or open flames.**" In most cases, the best approach to the disposal of household toxic products is to use them up or share leftovers with a friend. If these are not options for you, then bring your leftover household toxic products to the next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for proper disposal. **Always, buy what you need -- use what you buy.**

Using alternatives to hazardous household products can **save** you money and **protect** our environment! Most households have the basic ingredients to make safer substitutes for most household toxic products. The next page provides some household alternatives that are relatively toxic-free. For more information on safer alternatives, contact the County's Department of Solid Waste Management office at 732-506-5047.



Toxic-Free Household Alternatives*

Air Fresheners

- Open windows, use an exhaust fan or both.
- Use air conditioners to dry air and reduce odors.
- Sprinkle baking soda in odor-producing areas.
- Place an open box of baking soda in the refrigerator to absorb food odors.

General Purpose Cleaners

- Vinegar with salt and water.
- Vinegar mixed with water.
- Baking soda with a damp sponge.
- Most soap pads (for example, SOS pads).
- Baking soda - rub with 1/2 lemon dipped in borax.
- 2 tablespoons of ammonia, 2 tablespoons of liquid detergent, 1 quart warm water.

Window and Mirror Cleaners

- Add 2 tablespoons of vinegar to 1 quart water. Apply with newspaper.
- Mix 3 tablespoons of ammonia, 1 tablespoon white vinegar, and 3/4 cup water in a clean spray bottle.

*Source: Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville
