

“What to do with left-over paint!”

Dear Adam and Eve,

What can I do with the cans of left-over paint that are stacked in the garage?

Signed, Garage Guy!

Dear Garage Guy:

Here are a few ways to consider dealing with your paint:

1. **Keep it.** Oil based paint lasts up to 15 years and latex up to 10 years.
2. **Donate it.** Inquire of places that might use paints such as theatres, drama clubs, congregational fix-up, paint-up mitzvah projects. Also, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis, 169 Scott St., 761-4771 accepts building supplies (including paint) on Monday's even tho it's Restore part is no longer a full time effort.
3. **Trash it** (latex paint only). But, first, you must open cans and dry out the paint. Outdoors only, you can spread small layers at a time in cardboard box, or use kitty litter to help. Once dried out, double bag the paint cans and put in regular garbage.
4. **Take it.** For oil based paint, our Hazardous Waste Facility in Shelby Farms is open limited hours on Tues. and Sat. (For Memphis and Shelby Co. residents only, no painting companies, etc. allowed.) They will also accept latex paint but they prefer not to since it may be safely dried and trashed.
5. **Use it.** Don't know about you, but Adam likes to avoid freshening up our walls by getting rid of the paint. Silly man!!

Remember . . . **Re-Think! Reduce! Re-Use! Recycle!**

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