

Briefing Update to all Parish Councils on the Disposal of Unused Paint



Several Parishes have sought advice on what householders can do with unused paint since it is not accepted at the County Council's Household Waste & Recycling Centres (a.k.a Civic Amenity Sites or 'the tip').

It would be appreciated if this advice could be communicated throughout each parish.

In accordance with the waste management hierarchy, begin by **reducing** and **reusing** before considering recycling, recovery or disposal...

Firstly therefore follow the guidelines on the tin of paint before buying to ensure that you buy just the amount you need for a job.

Secondly try and use it up ... either by yourself, or give it away to friends, relatives etc, or donate it to a charity such as Re>Paint who make it available to community groups. The nearest Re>Paint scheme is based in Colchester. For more information contact Tel: 01206 367776 or e-mail: repaint@en-form.org.uk or go to www.communityrepaint.org.uk

If you can't use it up or find it a good home by giving it away, the following is advised:

Emulsion paint that is water soluble (83% of paint currently collected in Suffolk is emulsion); add sawdust, sand or soil to the tin and leave the lid off until the paint becomes solid and dry. You can then double wrap it and place it into your kerbside residual (black) waste bin for collection. If there is too much emulsion paint to dispose of in this way contact Babergh District Council to arrange for a collection, using the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service (see contact details below).

Solvent paint – do **not** dispose of in the kerbside residual (black) waste bin, regardless of whether soil or sand has been added. Instead contact Babergh District Council to arrange for a collection, using the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service (see contact details below).

Empty containers of paint (regardless of type) can be disposed of in householder's residual (black) waste bin.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service can be accessed by calling the Refuse/Recycling Hotline on 0845 606 6045 or sending an e-mail to customerservice@csduk.com. More general information on waste and recycling in Suffolk can be found at www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk

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