

Got leftover paint?



Get with the Resene PaintWise programme!

More than six litres of household paint is sold for each and every person living here every year. That's a lot of paint particularly as much of it is left sitting in paint containers and ends up in landfills. Disposing of paint correctly is important otherwise harmful components may be discharged into groundwater or streams affecting other living animals, fish or plants. There are lots of ways you can reduce this burden on the environment... here's some ideas to get you started:

Reduce: Buy only the paint you need

The best way to save waste is to avoid buying too much. Carefully measure up the area you plan to paint and use the coverage recommendations on the side of paint containers to check how much you need or ask Resene ColorShop staff for assistance. If you buy what you need and find you have paint left at the end of the job, you have probably applied it too thinly - in which case the best idea is to paint an extra coat to give the surface full protection as a thin coat means that the paint finish will not wear as well. Don't be tempted to buy an unnecessarily large pack size just because it is on special - remember the best deal is the one that gives you just the paint you need.

Use: Use up all your paint

If you have leftover paint, use it for touch-up jobs and smaller projects or add another coat to your paint finish for extra protection. Waterborne paints are also ideal for creating signs and banners and can be a much cheaper and more durable option than expensive felt pens - this can be a great way to use up any extra paint you may have.

Store: Store paint so it lasts for years

Brushes or rollers can transfer contamination from the surface you are painting back into the paint. The best way to work with paint is to tip out a small volume into a separate paint pot and use this for painting. Pour out only what you need for the job. This will leave the paint in the main paint container fresh and untouched by your brush or roller.

Properly stored paint container last for years. Cover the top of the paint container with plastic wrap, place the lid on securely and store upside down. The paint will create a tight seal around the lid and will remain fresher for when you next wish to use it. Store away from extreme heat or cold. Keep out of reach of children.

Reuse: Reuse packaging materials

Clean out paint containers and pails and reuse them as paint pots or buckets. Use inside drains (not the stormwater drains) or wash onto your lawn.

Recycle: Recycle the empty paint container

Once you've used up your paint, recycle the empty paint container - simply allow the contents to dry out, then bring to a Resene PaintWise collection centre with the lid off the container so staff can see it is dry and

empty. Each paint container you recycle is one less container that ends up in a landfill. If there are no Resene PaintWise collection centres in your area, contact your local council for recycling options.

Resene testpots are recyclable through kerbside recycling but paint residues must be removed. This is best accomplished by scraping the wet paint out. If you're not in a PaintWise area, check with your local council to ensure that kerbside recycling in your area will accept clean empty paint containers.

Donate: Donate to charity

If you just can't use your leftover paint, donate it to local community groups, schools, art groups and so on. You'll save them money and get the best use out of your paint leftovers at the same time.

Don't mix waterborne and solventborne paints. If mixed, paint cannot be re-blended or reused.

Make sure you donate the paint in its original container with the contents clearly marked so the recipient knows what they are receiving and how to handle it. Always check paint before you donate it to ensure it is still in good condition. It's best to donate paint as soon as you discover you don't need it, such as when you change your colour scheme, rather than holding onto it just in case.

Other environmental savers to try:



- Buy Resene Eco Choice approved products

These meet specific conditions endorsed by the Ministry for the Environment. Look for the Eco Choice tick on Resene paint containers.

- Buy good quality paint

Lower quality paint while cheaper in the short run is a false economy. It will break down quicker necessitating a repaint earlier. The biggest cost of any painting job is the labour - whether this is a painter you hire to do the job for you or your investment of time. It is better to spend a little more on the paint and get a longer life from it than to try to save a few dollars and take years off the paint finish.

Similarly, if you buy a lower quality paint with an expected life of 4-5 years, this means over a 8 year period you will probably have to paint twice. In contrast if you bought a high quality paint with an expected life of 7-8 years or longer you would only need to paint once during this period. The burden on the environment is considerably less with the higher quality paint.

- Save unnecessary washing up

Wrap your brush in plastic wrap or place your roller in a plastic bag, squeeze out the air and tie the bag securely around the handle of the roller using a rubberband or tie top. This will keep the paint fresh while you are taking a break and will save you having to rinse out brushes and rollers repeatedly.



Refer to the Resene DIY info leaflets on how to calculate the paint you need and how to clean brushes and rollers or visit the Resene website for ideas.

For more information and ideas on being PaintWise and the Resene Environmental Choice range, see the Resene website, resene.co.nz or your local Resene ColorShop.



The Resene PaintWise service is supported by:



For more information visit resene.co.nz/paintwise or ask your local Resene ColorShop staff.



the paint the professionals use

Please recycle.

Return your unwanted paint to Resene





Bring unwanted paint and paint containers into your local Resene ColorShop and let us take care of them for you.

Resene will offer good quality paint to community groups for reuse and recycle packaging materials that are recyclable.

Selected Resene ColorShops have been designated as Resene PaintWise collection centres. Drop off your unwanted paint and paint containers to any of these designated Resene ColorShops at any time during their opening hours. Full Resene ColorShop address and phone details are listed on the right.

You are welcome to bring back paint and paint packaging no matter what brand. A charge applies to returns of non-Resene branded product to help off-set the costs of the Resene PaintWise programme. The Resene PaintWise programme is run by the non-profit The Resene Foundation funded by contributions from Resene, a small levy per litre on paint purchases and a charge for returns of non-Resene paint.

The PaintWise service has already received back over six million paint containers and recycled over 500,000 kilograms of steel. Over 500,000 litres of solventborne paint has been sent to solvent recovery and over 250,000 litres of paint has been donated to cover graffiti and other community projects. Thousands of containers of unwanted paint and packaging are received every month and many litres of paint are donated.

For more information: visit resene.co.nz/paintwise or ask your local Resene ColorShop staff.

Winner of Green Ribbon Award 2008, ARC Environmental Business Leadership Award 2005, Packaging Council Environmental Award 2005.

The Resene Foundation's PaintWise product stewardship scheme was accredited by the Ministry for the Environment under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 in August 2011 and reaccredited in 2021.

When dropping off paint and paint containers:

- Ensure paint is in its original correctly labelled container.
- Ensure containers are well sealed and will not leak.
- For empty paint containers, simply allow the contents to dry out (take the lid off and leave out of the reach of children), then bring it in to one of the Resene ColorShops detailed on this leaflet with the lid off the container so staff can see it is dry and empty.

We cannot accept:

Automotive, marine paints, aerosols or any other materials - contact your local council for recommended disposal.

Handle with care

Properly sealed solvents and thinners have an almost unlimited shelf life. Keep and use.

Solventborne paints require special disposal practices. They are also ignitable and present other hazards. These products must never be poured down storm drains, the household sink (especially if you have a septic tank) or on the ground. Return solventborne paints to the Resene PaintWise service or hold for a 'Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day'. If your local community does not undertake such programmes, contact your local Council for disposal guidance.

Paint thinners, turpentine, mineral spirits and solvents should never be poured down a drain or the storm sewer. With the following simple steps, you can re-use these types of products. Let used turpentine or brush cleaners sit in a closed container until the paint particles settle out. Then pour off the clear liquid, which can be reused. Add an absorbent material, such as the PaintWise Disposal Kit material or kitty litter, to the remaining residue until it becomes dry. Finally, contact your local Council for guidance on disposal.

You can also return mineral turps, paint thinners, raw or boiled linseed oil, tung oil, methylated spirits and solventborne brush cleaners to Resene PaintWise. The solvents can be 'dirty' - i.e. they have been used for cleaning, but must be in their original identifiable container for safety reasons.

Resene PaintWise collection centres



Resene ColorShops do sometimes move locations - check resene.co.nz/paintwise for the latest Resene PaintWise locations.

Northland

Kerikeri: 7 Homestead Road, Ph: (09) 901 6000

Whangarei: 22 Reyburn Street, Ph: (09) 430 2199

Auckland

Albany: Cnr Tawa Drive and Rosedale Road, Ph: (09) 414 6500

Botany Downs: Unit 5, The Hub, 451 Ti Rakau Drive, Ph: (09) 272 5100

Henderson: 30 Paramount Drive, Ph: (09) 836 2366

Lunn Ave: 108 Lunn Ave, Ph: (09) 570 4235

Mairangi Bay: 25 Constellation Drive, Ph: (09) 476 3957

Manukau: 2 Sharkey Street, Ph: (09) 262 1705

Mt Eden: 126 Valley Road, Ph: (09) 623 3950

Mt Roskill: 6F Carr Road, Ph: (09) 620 5714

New Lynn: 24 Clark Street, Ph: (09) 827 6877

Newmarket: Cnr Crowhurst and Teed Streets, Ph: (09) 529 4760

Onehunga: 56 Princes Street, Ph: (09) 636 4105

Orakei: 176 Kapa Road, Ph: (09) 528 2519

Pukekohe: 54 Seddon Street, Ph: (09) 237 1022

Silverdale: 2200 East Coast Road, Ph: (09) 427 9560

Takanini: 226-228 Great South Road, Ph: (09) 296 1959

Wairau Park: 8 Croftfield Lane, Ph: (09) 444 4387

Warkworth: 50 Morrison Drive, Ph: (09) 422 2150

Westgate: 15A Kakano Road, Ph: (09) 416 0530

Waikato/Bay Of Plenty

Cambridge: 20 Lake Street, Ph: (07) 823 0170

Hamilton: Cnr Anglesea, Hood and Knox Streets, Ph: (07) 839 9975

Matamata: 69 Firth Street, Ph: (07) 888 4884

Mt Maunganui: 91 Newton Street, Ph: (07) 572 0044

Rotorua: 10-12 Old Taupo Road, Ph: (07) 348 1883

Taupo: 56 Spa Road, Ph: (07) 378 1500

Tauranga: 47 Waihi Road, Ph: (07) 578 4169

Te Awamutu: Unit 1, Cnr Albert Park Drive and Cambridge Road, Ph: (07) 871 7020

Te Rapa: 593 Te Rapa Road, Ph: (07) 850 5472

Gisborne/Hawke's Bay

Gisborne: 350 Childers Road, Ph: (06) 654 0100

Gisborne (reseller): 291 Palmerston Road, Ph: (06) 868 4656

Hastings: Cnr Southland Road and Eastbourne Street, Ph: (06) 878 4070

Napier: 116 Taradale Road, Ph: (06) 843 1710

New Plymouth/Palmerston North

Feilding: 109 Kimbolton Road, Ph: (06) 323 8450

New Plymouth: 132 Molesworth Street, Ph: (06) 759 8100

Palmerston North: 217 Main Street, Ph: (06) 357 3052

Whanganui: 17 Wilson Street, Ph: (06) 348 0048

Wellington Region

Basin Reserve: 74 Cambridge Terrace, Ph: (04) 801 6219

Johnsonville: Cnr Helston and Moorefield Roads, Ph: (04) 478 4354

Kapiti: 112 Kapiti Road, Ph: (04) 296 1060

Kilbirnie: Cnr Kemp and Tacy Streets, Ph: (04) 387 2916

Levin: 94 Cambridge Street, Ph: (06) 368 4484

Lower Hutt: 465 High Street, Ph: (04) 570 0683

Masterton: Cnr Queen and Renall Streets, Ph: (06) 377 2542

Naenae: Cnr Naenae Road and Vogel Street, Ph: (04) 577 8155

Thorndon: 77 Thorndon Quay, Ph: (04) 471 1112

Upper Hutt: Cnr Fergusson Drive and Montgomery Crescent, Ph: (04) 526 4946

Nelson/Marlborough

Blenheim: Cnr McArtney and Redwood Streets, Ph: (03) 577 9200

Nelson: 69 St Vincent Street, Ph: (03) 548 7110

Canterbury

Addington (reseller): 351 Selwyn Street, Ph: (03) 338 1312

Ashburton: 327 Burnett Street, Ph: (03) 307 6510

Ferrymead: Unit 3, 950 Ferry Road, Ph: (03) 376 4286

Hornby: 278 Main South Road, Christchurch, Ph: (03) 344 5158

Lichfield Street: 234-236 Lichfield Street, Christchurch, Ph: (03) 363 3703

Papanui: 11 Langdons Road, Ph: (03) 323 4492

Shirley: 38 Marshland Road, Christchurch, Ph: (03) 385 5082

Timaru: 30-32 Bank Street, Ph: (03) 688 4723

Tower Junction: Unit 9, 4 Troup Drive, Christchurch, Ph: (03) 343 3990

Otago/Southland

Dunedin: 172 Crawford Street, Ph: (03) 477 6566

Gore: 21 Medway Street, Ph: (03) 208 1350

Invercargill: Cnr Arena Ave and Victoria Ave, Ph: (03) 218 2385

Oamaru: 190 Thames Street, Ph: (03) 433 1211

Queenstown: 11 Glenda Drive, Frankton, Ph: (03) 442 4152

Wanaka: Unit A, 5 McCormick Street, Three Parks, Ph: (03) 657 8022