



Guiding principles:

- Mitigate waste and reduce demand for new products, when possible
- Support new products with zero [volatile organic compounds](#) (VOCs)
- Continue learning; research impact of new products and processes
- Dispose of all products safely of products
- Maintain project quality

## PAINT & PRODUCTS

ACTION	IMPACT
Use paint mistints	Waste mitigation; demand reduction
*Use paint from previous projects	Waste mitigation; demand reduction
*Use paint from <a href="#">Paint Exchange Program</a>	Waste mitigation; demand reduction
Use <a href="#">100% recycled paint</a> (new, reclaimed)	Demand reduction
Purchase new high quality paint with zero <a href="#">volatile organic compounds</a> (VOCs) in new paint purchases	Increase air quality, reduce demand
Purchase only what's needed by buying quality paint available in varied sizes.	Reduce demand and waste
Choose water-based paints over oil-based, when possible	No chemicals required for cleaning / disposal
Choose vinegar over paint thinner	Reduce use of chemicals
Search for information on environmental impact of new products	Reduce harmful environmental impact, continue learning
Participate in <a href="#">Alberta's Paint Recycling Program</a>	Latex paint is remade into new paint and oil-based paint is used as a fuel source in the energy recovery process

\*checked for quality, filtered when needed, tested before project use

***If you have any questions at all, please reach out.  
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## **PROCESS & DISPOSAL**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>IMPACT</b>
Reuse cloths, plastic covers, and containers for paint storage and mixing	Waste mitigation; demand reduction
Preserve paint quality and reduce paint waste (wipe down container surfaces to keep paint smooth, seal rollers and brushes for reuse within a project)	Waste mitigation, maintaining project quality
Clean and reuse brushes, when possible without compromising project quality	Waste mitigation; demand reduction
Clean using plant-derived products.	Reduce environmental impact
Use tools to clean brushes and rollers before cleaning.	Waste mitigation; reduce harmful environmental impact
Dispose of oil-based paint only at <a href="#">Eco Stations</a> .	Safe disposal, reduce harmful environmental impact
If using mineral spirits or thinner for cleaning oil-based paint, dispose with <a href="#">Eco Stations</a> and not in landfill or in city water systems.	Safe disposal; reduce harmful environmental impact
Research environmental impact of working with new surfaces or processes	Reduce harmful environmental impact; continued learning

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## **REFERENCES & LEARNING**

<https://greenhomeguide.com/know-how/article/selecting-green-paint>  
<https://www.greenhomeguide.com/know-how/article/paint-like-a-green-pro>  
<https://greenbuildingcanada.ca/2019/paint-options/>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paint\\_recycling#Canada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paint_recycling#Canada)

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