

HAVE TOO MUCH PAINT? *



➔ Store it

- Save for touch ups — write the room name on the lid to remember where you used it
- Cover the opening of the paint can with plastic wrap and securely seal the lid
- Store it in a location with good ventilation that is out of the reach of children and pets

➔ Donate it

- Give it to neighbors, community groups, theater companies, schools, churches or other organizations
- Check www.Earth911.com or call 1-800-CLEANUP to find options near you
- Call your City or County household hazardous waste (HHW) program for more options

* It is illegal to put paint in the garbage or pour it down home or storm drains in California

➔ Recycle it

- Recycle paint through a local recycling or HHW collection program. Call 1-800-CLEANUP or go to www.Earth911.com to find a location near you.
- Paint cans may be recyclable in your local recycling program if completely empty and dry. Check with your City, County or local waste hauler.

PAINT FORMULA

Use this formula to estimate the number of gallons needed for each coat.

- Determine the total surface area (square feet) to be painted.
 - Multiply the length times the height of each wall. Example:
10' tall x 10' wide = 100 square feet. Don't forget the ceiling!
 - Add together the surface area of each wall.
- Choose the coverage rate from this table.

Paint and Surface Characteristics	Coverage (square feet per gallon)
Thick or textured paints applied to rough surfaces (usually exterior: stucco, brick, siding)	100
Paint applied to rough or textured surfaces	200
Heavy coat applied to semi-smooth surfaces (usually interior: walls, doors, trim)	300
Paint applied to smooth surfaces	400
Paint applied to very smooth surfaces	500

- Calculate using this formula:
$$\text{Total Surface Area} \div \text{Coverage} = \text{Number of Gallons needed per coat}$$