

Confirm that the paint is latex:

First try looking for "latex" on the label. If the label is missing or covered with paint, you may be able to tell which kind of paint you have, based on how it was thinned or cleaned up. If water will rinse fresh paint off hands and brushes the paint is latex. If paint thinner, mineral spirits, or a special brush cleaner must be used to clean up, then the paint is oil-based.

If you really can't figure out if it is, or isn't latex, assume it is oil-based and have bring it to the next HHW collection in their area.

LATEX:

- Marked "Latex".
- Cleanup and/or thinning instructions refer to water or soap and water.
- May be in plastic or steel cans.

OIL-BASED:

- Often marked "Oil" or "Alkyd".
- Thinning instructions refer to solvents (paint thinner).
- Cleanup instructions refer to mineral spirits or other solvents.
- Usually NOT in plastic cans.