

# Paint Smarter!

Don't make your garden shed the hang out zone for half-tins of leftover paint.

Follow our top tips to painting smarter – waste less money, less paint!

## Buying!

**#1 TOP TIP** When you select your room colour, purchase a tester and paint some patches around the room to ensure you are happy with the colour before you commit to purchasing the colour in bulk.

**#2 TOP TIP** Always measure the area you want to paint (length by width) and the paint shop will then be able to tell you exactly how much paint you need.

## Using!

**#3 TOP TIP** The paint can lid must be removed gently to ensure the lid isn't compromised as the cans air tight property is integral to future paint storage.

**#4 TOP TIP** As you paint, if you decant paint into a paint tray, return the lid back onto the paint can, it's important to minimise the amount of time the paint is open to the air.

**#5 TOP TIP** Before closing the lid, wipe away any excess paint from the groove/rim and the outside of the can. Paint residue left on the can will dry out and may compromise the left-over paint.

## Storing!

**#6 TOP TIP** Label the paint can with the colour and location/room the paint was used as well as the name and number of the paint.

**#7 TOP TIP** Store paint in a cool, dry location away from extreme temperatures. Don't store it in the garden shed where temperatures dip below freezing in winter.

## Reusing!

**#8 TOP TIP** Paints may form a paint "skin" on the surface of the body of paint, this requires careful removal with a stick or spoon before stirring the paint

**#9 TOP TIP** Stored paint needs to be stirred really well to recombine all the ingredients that may have separated or settled on the bottom, mixing ensures the paint colour is restored.

**#10 TOP TIP** Patch test the stored paint to ensure it retained its colour properties and matches perfectly. If in doubt, return to the paint store with the information retained on the stored can to purchase the perfect paint match.

## Disposal...

Try and rehome unwanted left-over paint by offering it to friends and family. Alternatively, your disposal options are;

**SOLVENT/OIL-BASED PAINT, PAINT THINNER AND WHITE SPIRIT** must be treated as hazardous waste. These should be brought to a civic amenity site. Check your local authorities website for details.

**EMULSION/WATER-BASED PAINT** can be disposed via your kerb side waste collector but not in liquid form as liquid wastes are banned from landfill. To make the paint solid, you can buy a paint hardener, or add sawdust, sand or soil to the tin and leave the lid off until the paint becomes solid and dry, making it suitable for kerb side collection.



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For more great tips and information on paint and DIY, visit

[mywaste.ie](http://mywaste.ie)

# Péinteáil Níos Cliste!

Ná biodh do chró gairdín ina ionad dumpála le haghaidh leath stáin d'fhuílleach péinte. Lean ár leideanna is fearr chun péinteáil níos cliste. Cuir níos lú airgid amú, cuir níos lú péinte amú.

## Ag Ceannach!

**LEID #1** Nuair a roghnaionn tú dath do sheomra, ceannaigh tastáil agus péinteáil roinnt paistí timpeall an tseomra lena chinntíú go bhfuil tú sásta leis an dath sula gceanaíonn tú ualach mór den dath.

**LEID #2** Tomhais i gcónai an limistéar is mian leat a phéinteáil (fad faoi leithead) agus ansin beidh an siopa péinte in ann a rá leat go díreach an méid péinte atá uait.

## Ag Úsáid!

**LEID #3** Caithfear clúdach na péinte a bhaint go réidh lena chinntíú nach gcuirtear an clúdach i gcontúirt toisc go bhfuil airí aerdhíonach na gcannai ina chuid lárnach de stóráil péinte sa todhcháい.

**LEID #4** Agus tú ag péinteáil, má scagann tú péint isteach i dtíráidire péinte, cuir an clúdach ar ais ar an gcanna péinte, tá sé tábhachtach an méid ama a bhíonn an phéint oscailte don aer a ióslaghdú.

**LEID #5** Sula ndúnann tú an clúdach, glan aon phéint bhereise ón eitre/imeall agus an taobh amuigh den channa. Triomóidh fúilleach péinte a fhágtaí ar an gcanna agus d'fhéadfadh sé an phéint atá fágtha a chur i mbaol.

Déan iarracht atí nua a aimsiú d'fhuílleach péinte trína thairiscint do Diúscairt... chairde agus do mhuintir. Nó in ionad sin, is iad do roghanna diúscartha;

Caithfear déileáil le PÉINT THUASLAGÓRA/OLA-BHUNAITHE, CAOLAITHEOIR PÉINTE AGUS BIOTÁILLE BHÁIN mar dhramhaíl ghuaiseach. Ba cheart iad seo a thabhairt chuig ionad fóntas poiblí. Seiceáil ar láithreán gréasáin do chuid údarás atíúil le haghaidh sonrai.

Is féidir PÉINT EIBLEACHTA/UISCEBHUNAITHE a dhiúscairt trí do bhailitheoir dramhaíola ó thaobh an chosáin ach ní i bhfoirm leachtach toisc go gcuirtear cosc ar dhramhaíl leachtach a chur i lónadh talún. Chun an phéint a dhéanamh soladach, is féidir leat craiteoir péinte a cheannach, nó min sáibh, gaineamh nó ithir a chur leis an stán agus an clúdach a fhágáil amach go dtí go mbeidh an phéint soladach agus tirim, ionas go mbeidh sé oiriúnach do bhailiúchán ó thaobh an chosáin.

## Ag Stóráil!

**LEID #6** Lipéadaigh an phéint leis an dath agus an áit/seomra ar úsáideadh an phéint chomh maith le hainm agus uimhir na péinte.

**LEID #7** Stóráil péint in áit fhionnuar, tirim i bhfad ó theochtaí fiorarda. Ná stóráil sa chró gairdín é áit a thíteann na teochtaí faoi bhun an reophointe sa gheimhreadh.

## Ag Athúsáid Péinte!

**LEID #8** D'fhéadfadh péinteanna "craiceann" péinte a chruthú ar dhromchla an choirp péinte, caithfear é seo a bhaint go cúramach le maide nó spúnóig sula ndéantar an phéint a mheascadh.

**LEID #9** Caithfear péint stórálte a mheascadh go han-mhaith chun na comhbáhair go léir a d'fhéadfadh a bheith scartha nó socrachte ar an mbun a athmheascadh, cinníonn meascadh go ndéantar dath na péinte a athbhunú.

**LEID #10** Déan tástáil ar an bpéint stórálte lena chinntíú gur choinnigh sé a airionna datha agus meaitseáil ann sé go fairfe. Má tá amhras ort, fill ar ais ar an siopa péinte leis an eolas a choinnítear ar an gcanna stórálte chun an phéint fhoirfe a cheannach.