# KEEP IT CLEAN PARTNERSHIP

#### WATER PROTECTION GUIDE TO

## Painting

#### Water-Based Paint

Also known as latex and acrylic paints, often used for indoor projects and surfaces.

#### **Painting**

- Protect and cover nearby storm drains.
- Use ground or drop cloths underneath outdoor painting and scraping. Collect paint chips and put in the trash.
- Use a ground cloth or oversized tub for paint mixing.

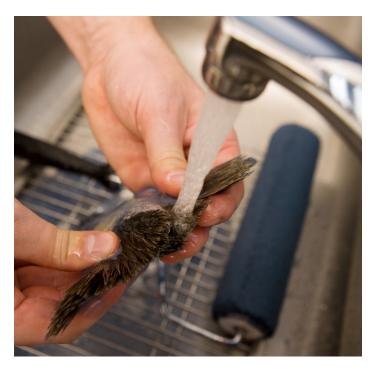
#### Cleanup

- Squeeze brushes and rollers to transfer as much paint as possible back into cans before rinsing into a sink. If outdoors, clean in portable containers that can be dumped into an indoor sanitary drain.
- For paint sprayers, wipe out excess paint then rinse equipment into sink or toilet.

#### Disposal

- Small amounts of leftover paint can be allowed to dry in the original container, then put into trash. For larger quantities of water-based paint, dispose as hazardous waste.
- Drop cloths and other supplies with paint residue can be put in the trash.





#### Oil-Based Paint

These paints contain hazardous chemicals and are often used on exterior surfaces.

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- Use a ground cloth or oversized tub for paint mixing.

#### Cleanup

- Brush out as much paint as possible then clean with thinner. Filter and reuse thinners and solvents.
- Use thinners to clean paint sprayers, then filter thinners for reuse.

#### Disposal

• Dispose of all cleanup materials, paint thinners, and excess paint as hazardous waste.

Report anyone dumping paint into a stormdrain or waterway. Call the CDPHE incident reporting hotline at 1-877-518-5608 or find contact information for your municipality's stormwater program at www.keepitcleanpartnership.org.

## Paint is toxic to aquatic life

All paints and solvents contain toxic chemicals that can be dangerous to people and harmful to water quality and aquatic life. Allowing paint, paint-related products, or wastewater from cleaning brushes and paint sprayers to flow into a ditch, gutter, or storm drain pollutes our waterways.

### You can take action

- Do not overbuy paint. Measure your space, talk to a store employee, and use an online paint calculator to buy the right amount.
- Attend a hazardous waste collection event in your community.
- Visit a Habitat ReStore or the Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility for free or discounted recycled paint:

Habitat for Humanity - St. Vrain Valley ReStore 351 Sherman Dr, Longmont, CO 80501 Hazardous Materials Management Facility - 1901 63rd St., Boulder, CO 80301

• Drop off unneeded paint at these locations or find a drop-off site near you at www.paintcare.org.

## From your Home to the Creek

Polluted stormwater enters storm drains and flows directly to local waterways without receiving treatment at sewage plants.



#### Boulder St. Vrain Watershed

Our watershed is home to over 300,000 residents who depend on it for drinking water, floodplain functions, recreation, and other services. A watershed is an area of land where all streams and rainfall drain to the same place. A healthy watershed means a healthy community, environment, and economy.

Learn more about our watershed and how you can help protect it at www.KeepitCleanPartnership.org.

