

What's the Alternative?

- **Household Hazardous Wastes** contain dangerous chemicals that adversely affect plants and animals.
 - Immediate effect/s = burn or sickness
 - Long-term effect/s = chronic illness or death
- **Do not** pour down drain, on land, or into sewers
- **Do not** dispose in garbage
 - Can destroy bacteria used to clean wastewater
 - Can contaminate lakes and rivers
 - Can pollute ground water & surface waters

Reduce impacts of HHW by using non-toxic or less toxic alternatives



FLAMMABLE



POISON



EXPLOSIVE



CORROSIVE

Full List of Alternatives

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www.Springfield.il.us/HHW

Alternative Example:

- *Glass Cleaner*
2 Tbsp vinegar to 1 qt water
- *Insecticide*
2-4 Tbsp liquid soap to 1 gal H₂O
- *Tile Cleaner*
Baking soda



LATEX PAINT

- In liquid form, latex paint can contaminate the environment & water since it is plastic based
- In solid form, latex paint can legally and safely be disposed with regular garbage
 - ✚ *Paint and container must be completely dried out before disposal*

Fast & Easy Drying Process:

- Pour paint in thin layers on a disposable material
- Allow each layer to dry completely
- Repeat process until all paint and container is dried
- Once dried can dispose with regular garbage



- ❖ Please note, this is **only** acceptable for latex paints; oil paints are always hazardous and need to be disposed of through a hazardous waste facility or collection event.



Latex paint is not hazardous

Oil-based paint is hazardous waste