

# Easy ways to reuse, recycle old paint

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Summer is the time of year when we gather with friends and family, and part of the tradition of spring and summertime is getting our homes ready for company. Often that includes painting and staining projects.

A lot of homeowners end up collecting old or unused paint and stain over the years and are unclear about what to do with it, but most of us do know that we shouldn't throw it away in our trash cans.

When stored properly, extra paint can last for years.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency conducted a study in April 2007 estimating that about 10 percent of the house paint purchased in the United States each year – about 65 to 69 million gallons – is discarded.

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