



DON'T POLLUTE WITH HOME IMPROVEMENTS!

PRACTICE PROPER WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION TECHNIQUES

PURCHASE AND USAGE

- Estimate carefully.
- Use latex paints rather than oil-based when possible.
- Choose paint with low or no VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds).
- When outdoors, use tarps and drop cloths to prevent overspray and spills.

CLEANUP

- NEVER clean equipment in gutters, driveways, streets or stormdrains as this can result a *fine*. Introducing waste into drainage systems will endanger our waterways.
- Use the paint on the brushes and rollers as much as possible before cleaning.
- Always clean latex paint equipment in a sink.
- Reuse cleaning solvents/thinners for oil based paint and use the least toxic products available.

STORAGE

- Seal cans tightly and turn upside down to keep paint from drying out.
- Store all paint products in a covered area away from floor drains.
- Keep absorbent materials, such as kitty litter, on hand to clean up spills.

DISPOSAL

- *Dried* latex paint may be thrown away in regular trash.
- Oil-based paint must be properly disposed of at the *Dallas Home Collection Center*.

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