

Correct disposal of liquid waste

Cooking oil and other oils

Household quantities of cooking oils and other oils can be dropped off at the [Darebin Resource Recovery Centre](#). Businesses can arrange commercial collection by a licenced contractor, several are listed on Planet Ark's [Business Recycling](#).

Commercial, industrial, laboratory or trade wastewater

All businesses generating waste that is discharged into the sewer system need to apply for a [Trade Waste Agreement](#) from Yarra Valley Water. For more information please visit the [Yarra Valley Water](#) website.

Toxic household chemicals

Sustainability Victoria's Detox your Home program provide a free service for disposing of household chemicals such as nail polish, fertilisers, solvents and detergents. For a complete list of accepted chemicals, and for drop-off points and locations, please visit the [Detox your Home](#) website.

Paint and Paintbrush Wastewater

Whether you are painting a picture or renovating a house, the following guidelines will help ensure that your leftover paint and the water you clean your paintbrushes in do not impact negatively on the environment.

Disposing of leftover paint: Left-over paint you can be dropped off at [Darebin Resource Recovery Centre](#) or one of the [Detox your Home](#) collection points.

Cleaning paint brushes and rollers

- Instead of washing your paint brushes or rollers at the end of each day while you are in the middle of a project, try wrapping them in a plastic bag to stop them from hardening. They can then be used again the next day without washing.
- At the end of your job, if your paint brushes or rollers are worn out, wrap them in plastic and place them in your waste bin without washing.
- If you intend to use your paint brushes or rollers in the future, remove as much paint as you can back into paint containers. Squeeze or wipe excess paint onto absorbent material such as newspaper or rags. These can be disposed of in your waste bin.
- For water based paint only: Once you have removed as much residual paint as possible, wash the brushes in a bucket of water, then rinse them in another bucket of water. Leave both buckets of water to stand overnight. This will allow the paint residue to settle in the bottom. The next day, pour off the clear water from the buckets onto your lawn or garden. Do not pour it into a stormwater drain or anywhere near a waterway. Use newspaper or old rags to remove the paint sludge from the bottom of the buckets. Dispose of the newspaper or rags in your waste bin.
- For non water-based paint: Once you have removed as much residual paint as possible, wash the brushes in a container of solvent, then rinse them in another container of solvent. Make sure the containers you use can be sealed afterwards. Solvents can be kept and reused next time you paint, or disposed of through [Detox Your Home](#). Make sure solvents are clearly labelled and stored in a safe location.

If you are doing a large amount of painting, or have a lot of paint brushes or rollers to clean, you may want to consider purchasing a drum to spin your brushes out in and/or a paint recovery system to ensure your waste water is as clean as possible.

More information on stormwater protection is available from the Victorian [Environmental Protection Authority](#) or call Darebin Customer Service on 8470 8888.