

## Painting Tips:

All paints and solvents contain toxic chemicals that can be dangerous to people and harmful to the environment. Please handle these products carefully by taking these easy steps.

- Never dispose of paint or paint-related products in the gutters or storm drains. This is called illegal dumping. Visit <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-whm-stsw-recyclingcontacts.pdf> to locate a recycling center near you.
- Buy only what you need.
- Reuse leftover paint for touch-ups or donate it to a local theater group.
- Recycle excess paint.
- Clean water-based paint brushes in the sink.



- Oil-based paints should be cleaned with thinner that can be reused. Set the used thinner aside in a closed jar to settle-out paint particles.

- Store paints and paint-related products in rigid, durable and watertight containers with tight-fitting covers.



## Stormwater Pollution Prevention

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## Storm Drains are for Rain...

Each month residents across Wayne County wash their dirty paintbrushes under an outdoor faucet. This dirty rinse water flows into the street, down the storm drain and into the Rouge River, untreated.

Wash water-based paintbrushes in the sink and take old paint and paint-related products to a household hazardous waste day in your city.

...not paint.

