



Waste Paint Disposal

Environmental responsibility is central to the Teknos ethos. From the moment our paint is produced to the time it is no longer in use, we keep the environmental impact of our products to a minimum.

That is why all our factories have certified quality and environmental management systems in accordance with ISO 9001 and ISO 14001. All our coatings comply with the known requirements of REACH and VOC EU directives. And when the paint is no longer in use, we ensure it is disposed of responsibly.

To help us achieve these aims we engage waste specialists **CSG**, and with their help we have compiled this guide to waste paint disposal to advise Teknos customers on best practice for storage and disposal of waste paint.



Storage

Store paint waste in a secure location.

Separate paint into water based and solvent based.

Not only is this best practice for storage, it can also ensure efficient cost savings on disposal.

Don't put liquid paint into the bin or pour down the drain.

Paint disposed of in this way can contaminate the environment and water courses and is likely to result in a heavy fine.

Label storage containers according to the contents.

This ensures the correct waste is put in the correct container and cross-contamination is prevented.



Storage continued...

Cover containers with a lid to stop rainwater and other contaminants getting in.

Storage of Water and Solvent borne paints

Water based paint containers can be stored and transported in non-UN approved suitable containers.

Solvent paint containers less than 5L in size are not required to be stored in UN approved specification containers.

Eg. you can stack tins upright in IBCs (intermediate bulk containers).

Solvent paint containers over 5L in size, require UN approved specification containers.

This is so that they are stored and transported correctly. For example, 205L drums or wastesafes can be used.



Solvent paint containers stored in an IBC

Disposal

Paint must be disposed of via a licenced waste facility.

It is the responsibility of the waste producer to carry out disposal in a responsible way.

Be sure to check the company you give your waste to, has a carriers licence allowing the waste to go on the road.

They must also have a waste permit for the final disposal point.

You are ultimately responsible for the disposal.

If your paint is found in an unlicensed facility or layby for example, you will be held responsible and could face investigation by the Environment Agency.

A Hazardous Waste Consignment Note or duty of care transfer note is required for all waste paint disposal and a copy must be kept by the waste producer for 3 years.

Transport

For transport of waste paint, specific labels are required which detail the hazards associated with the paint.

Most waste companies such as CSG, will offer this.

What happens after disposal?

For large quantities of water based paint the liquids will be blended with wastes that have absorbent qualities creating a solidified matrix suitable for Landfill.

For Solvent based paints they will be poured and blended to be recovered into thinners materials. The cleaned tins can then be recycled back into metal.

About CSG (Cleansing Service Group)

CSG is a supplier of waste management services, who operate across the UK.

They act as a 'green partner' to their customers by providing them with a customised programme of waste management measures designed to minimize adverse environmental impact in the heavily regulated eco-aware 21st century.

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Note: most of the recommended Teknos products are water based, with VOC levels significantly below current and proposed legislative levels. We do not use heavy metal additives in any of our products.

