



Typical items we accept:

- Primers/sealers
- Gloss paint
- Emulsion paint
- Art paint
- Commercial paint
- Spray paint

Paint contains chemicals, such as solvents and metals that can harm the environment and endanger human health if disposed of improperly. All paint has the potential to cause pollution if it is not handled appropriately and must be pre-treated before it can be landfilled. However, paint contains many components that have great potential for reuse, recycling and recovery.

It is estimated that over 300 million litres of paint are sold in the UK to the DIY market and to trade decorators. Approximately 37.5 million litres of DIY and 2.5 million litres of trade paint remain unused and there could be as much as 100 million litres of paint stored in homes across the UK. The paint tends to be stored and then disposed of in landfill sites.

There are a number of ways that paint can be recycled. High quality emulsion paint can be processed and turned back into usable, recycled paint. Recycled paint is environmentally preferable to new paint and is of comparable quality.

Paint that cannot be recycled has other environmentally friendly uses. Non-reusable paint can be made into a product used in cement manufacturing, thereby recycling virtually 100% of the original paint.

OUR PAINT RECYCLING SOLUTION

McGrath will help you identify whether your paint is hazardous or non-hazardous and recommend the most appropriate recycling option making sure that you are fully compliant with all relevant hazardous waste regulations. We can then advise appropriate methods to handle, manage and dispose of your paint and arrange collection in-line with your requirements.

Reusable, leftover paint is sent to an appropriate reuse project such as the Forest Recycling Project which runs McGrath's nearest community RePaint scheme. Here the paint is distributed to community groups, charities/voluntary organisations and people in need. This method has been cited as an example of best practice for the management of surplus paint in a report by the European Commission and by Defra.

Water-based paints are bulked into interim containers and then pumped into a vacuum tanker. They are then taken to a specialist site for composting.

Solvent-based paints are bulked into interim containers and sent to a specialist site where they are 'cooked' to remove any hazardous components. The non-hazardous residues that are left over are sent to landfill.

Oil-based paints are bulked into drums and shipped to companies for energy recovery.

With Isocyanate paints the waste is primarily a solid due to a chemical reaction and this waste is sent to a specialist processor.

A completed consignment note must accompany hazardous waste when moved from any premises.

Our digital data capture systems enable us to provide complete chain-of-custody reporting from collection to final destination. Electronic waste transfer notes are issued for all materials we manage in compliance with your Duty of Care obligations.

The McGrath Group is accredited to various trade bodies and accreditations including PAS 402:2013. We also operate an integrated management system which is certified against international standards OHSAS 18001 (Health & Safety), ISO 9001 (Quality) and ISO 14001 (Environmental) and ensures our products and services are supplied safely, consistently and sustainably.



KEY FACTS

EWC Codes:

08 01 11

08 01 12

08 01 21

20 01 27

Percentage we recycle:

100%

Relevant regulation:

Hazardous Waste Regulations 2005

