



Store:

Store paint so it lasts for years

Brushes or rollers can transfer contamination from the surface you are painting back into the paint. The best way to work with paint is to tip out a small volume into a separate paint pot and use this for painting. Pour out only what you need for the job. This will leave the paint in the main paint can fresh and untouched by your brush or roller.

Properly stored paint can last for years. Cover the top of the paint can with plastic wrap, place the lid on securely and store upside down. The paint will create a tight seal around the lid and will remain fresher for when you next wish to use it. Store away from extreme heat or cold.



Recycle:

Recycle the empty paint can

Once you've used up your paint, recycle the empty steel paint can - simply allow the contents to dry out, then bring to a Resene PaintWise Collection Centre with the lid off the can so staff can see it is dry and empty. Each paint can you recycle is one less can that ends up in a landfill. If there are no Resene PaintWise Collection Centres in your area, contact your local council for recycling options.



Re-Use:

Reuse packaging materials

Clean out paint cans and pails and reuse them as paint pots or buckets. Use inside drains (not the stormwater drains) or wash onto your lawn.



Donate:

Donate to charity

If you just can't use your leftover paint, donate it to local community groups, schools, art groups and so on. You'll save them money and get the best use out of your paint leftovers at the same time.

Make sure you donate the paint in its original container with the contents clearly marked so the recipient knows what they are receiving and how to handle it. Always check paint before you donate it to ensure it is still in good condition. It's best to donate paint as soon as you discover you don't need it, such as when you change your colour scheme, rather than holding onto it just in case.

Other environment savers to try:

- Buy Resene Environmental Choice approved products.

These meet specific conditions endorsed by the Minister for the Environment. Look for the Environmental Choice tick on Resene paint cans.



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- Buy good quality paint.

Lower quality paint while cheaper in the short run is a false economy. It will break down quicker necessitating a repaint earlier. The biggest cost of any painting job is the labour - whether this is a painter you hire to do the job for you or your investment of time. It is better to spend a little more on the paint and get a longer life from it than to try to save a few dollars and take years off the paint finish. Similarly, if you buy a lower quality paint with an expected life of 4-5 years, this means over a 8 year period you will probably have to paint twice. In contrast if you bought a high quality paint with an expected life of 7-8 years you would only need to paint once during this period. The burden on the environment is considerably less with the higher quality paint.

- Save unnecessary washing up.

Wrap your brush in plastic wrap or place your roller in a plastic bag, squeeze out the air and tie the bag securely around the handle of the roller using a rubber band or tie top. This will keep the paint fresh while you are taking a break and will save you having to rinse out brushes and rollers repeatedly.

Refer to the Resene DIY Info Leaflets on how to calculate the paint you need, how to clean brushes and rollers and how to dispose of leftover paint without polluting the environment or visit the Resene website for ideas.



For more information and ideas on being PaintWise and the Resene Environmental Choice range, see www.resene.co.nz/paintwise.htm or your local Resene ColorShop.

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Is your garage or shed cluttered with old unwanted paint and paint containers?

Get with the Resene PaintWise programme and let Resene take care of them for you.

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Bring unwanted paint and paint containers into your local Resene ColorShop and let us recycle or dispose of them responsibly. Resene will offer good quality paint to community groups for reuse, recycle packaging materials that are recyclable and dispose of the rest for you.

Selected Resene ColorShops in Auckland, Waikato and the Bay of Plenty have been designated as Resene PaintWise Collection Centres. Drop off your unwanted paint and paint containers to any of these designated ColorShops at any time during their opening hours. Full ColorShop address and phone details are listed below.

You are welcome to bring back paint and paint packaging no matter what brand. Resene branded paint and paint containers are free to return. A small charge applies to non-Resene branded product to help offset the costs of the PaintWise programme (\$1 per 4L can or smaller, \$2.50 per 10L pail).

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Resene PaintWise

The Resene PaintWise programme is managed by the Resene Foundation, a charitable trust underwritten by Resene., Winner of ARC Environmental Business Leadership Award 2005.



Got leftover paint?
Get with the Resene PaintWise programme!

More than six litres of household paint is sold for each and every person in New Zealand. That's a lot of paint particularly as much of it is left sitting in paint containers and ends up in landfills. There are lots of ways you can reduce this burden on the environment... here's some ideas to get you started:



Reduce:

Buy only the paint you need

The best way to save waste is to avoid buying too much. Carefully measure up the area you plan to paint and use the coverage recommendations on the side of paint cans to check how much you need or ask Resene ColorShop staff for assistance. If you buy what you need and find you have paint left at the end of the job, you have probably applied it too thinly - in which case the best idea is to paint an extra coat to give the surface full protection as a thin coat means that the paint finish will not wear as well. Don't be tempted to buy an unnecessarily large pack size just because it is on special - remember the best deal is the one that gives you just the paint you need.



Use:

Use up all your paint

If you have leftover paint, use it for touch-up jobs and smaller projects or add another coat to your paint finish for extra protection. Waterborne paints are also ideal for creating signs and banners and can be a much cheaper and more durable option than expensive felt pens - this can be a great way to use up any extra paint you may have.

When dropping off paint and paint containers:

- Ensure paint is in its original correctly labelled container.
- Ensure containers are well sealed and will not leak.
- Leave small amounts of waterborne paint in its container, put out of reach of children and leave the lid off for the paint to dry then bring it in to one of the Resene ColorShops detailed on this leaflet.

We cannot accept:

Paint thinners, solvents, aerosols or any other materials—dispose of these at a HazMobile collection. See www.hazmobile.govt.nz for details or contact your local council.

Due to safety requirements, paint and paint containers will only be accepted at these Resene ColorShops during normal store hours. Sorry, paint and packaging returns cannot be accepted by any other ColorShops.



Resene PaintWise Collection Centres

Manukau
Sharkey Street,
Ph 262 1705

Mt Eden
Valley Road,
Ph 623 3950

Pukekohe
54 Seddon Street,
Ph 237 1022

Takanini
Cnr Great South & Glenora Roads,
Ph 296 1959

Hamilton
Cnr Anglesea, Hood & Knox Streets,
Ph 839 9975

New Lynn
24 Clark Street,
Ph 827 6877

Tauranga
47 Waihi Road,
Ph 578 4169

Henderson
32 Paramount Drive,
Ph 836 2366

Orewa
39 Florence Street,
Ph 427 9560

Wairau Park
8 Croftfield Lane,
Ph 444 4387