

# DURALEX

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## **NEVER POUR LEFTOVER PAINTS DOWN THE DRAIN**

### **CLEANING UP AFTER PAINTING**

**(Industry standard for Water-based paint)**

#### **EXCESS/UNWANTED PAINT**

- At the completion of a painting job, pour, brush or roll excess unwanted paint onto an absorbent material such as kitty litter, old rags, newspaper, cardboard, etc.
- Allow paint to dry, this could take up one week, then dispose with household waste collection services.

#### **WASHING OF EQUIPMENT:** (Two-Container Method)

- **20 Litre containers are best!**
- Wash brushes, rollers and other equipment in the FIRST container of water.
- Transfer the washed equipment to the SECOND container filled with clean water for a final rinse.
- Allow the containers to stand, overnight the paint solids will settle to the bottom, this usually takes about 12 hours. The clear water from the FIRST container may now be poured on the garden where it will be absorbed into the ground. Avoid areas near drains, streams, rivers or lakes.

#### **DISPOSAL OF RESIDUE:**

- Paint solids at the bottom of the first container can be scraped onto an absorbent material as previously described. Allow to dry, then dispose as previously described.
- The SECOND container can now be used as the first wash. Follow this cleaning system until the job is completed.

#### **CAUTION:**

- Never allow waste water to enter household storm water drains or sewers.

## **DISPOSAL OF LEFTOVER PAINT CONTAINERS**

#### **EMPTY OUT CONTAINER**

- Ensure paint container is as clean as possible.

#### **RECYCLE STEEL CONTAINER**

- The cleaned paint container can be disposed of via local steel recycling programs (check with your local Council).