

Disposing of Leftover Dryvit Finishes, Base Coats and Coatings

With landfills rapidly reaching capacity, a major environmental concern is the disposal of waste.

- Estimate the amount of material needed carefully to minimize need to dispose of excess materials. Contact a Distributor or Dryvit representative to obtain assistance in determining the right quantity for each paint project.
- Leave a pail or two of material for your clients to use for repairs.
- Leftover finish, coatings, or primers *should not* be poured down sanitary or storm sewers.
- Pails of finishes and base coats containing sand that are less than half full can be left to dry by removing the lid and allowing the water portion to evaporate. This should be done in a secure area, which is away from children and animals. Allow the material to dry completely. Leave the lid off the pail so that your refuse hauler can see that the residue is hardened. If the pail is more than half-full, add portland cement and allow the mixture to harden in the pail. This also produces a solid waste, which will be accepted by most refuse haulers.

For further information on “waste disposal,” contact your state government environmental control agency or local health department for assistance in finding waste disposal programs in your area. Check for “waste disposal services” in the Yellow Pages; they also may provide you with additional guidance.
