

**ALTERNATIVES TO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS  
WASTE CHEMICALS**

<b>general purpose cleaner</b>	¼ c. borax, ¼ c. white vinegar, 2 gallons hot water. Stir to dissolve. Use mop or sponge to clean. Alternative products: Murphy's Oil Soap or Citra-Solv.
<b>scouring powder</b>	1 c. baking soda mixed with ¼ c. borax. Dampen sponge and scoop up mixture. Rub on surface. Let "rest" then rinse well. Alternative product - Bon Ami.
<b>Paint thinner</b>	Let paint particles settle, then pour off clear liquid and reuse.
<b>bug sprays/insecticides</b>	For gardens, use companion planting and Integrated Pest Management. Plant disease resistant seeds. Pour a line of cream of tartar, red chili pepper, paprika or dried peppermint where ants are entering the house.
<b>insect repellent</b>	Do not wear scented products outdoors. Burn citronella candles, punk, or incense. Alternative product - Bite Blocker.

**PROPER DISPOSAL OF LATEX PAINT**

Instead, you should dry it out and dispose of it with your regular trash (with the lids removed).

- If there isn't much liquid paint left in the can, you can open it up, place in a safe location not accessible to children or pets and let it air dry.
- Add an absorbent, such as shredded newspaper or clay-based kitty litter into the can.
- Pour the paint into a paper box or bag and add an absorbent. Recycle the empty can.
- Add a paint hardener to the paint in the can.

The Western Maine Environmental Depot, is co-located with the Lewiston Solid Waste Facility on **424 River Road in Lewiston.**

It will be open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from May - November from 8 a.m. to noon (excluding holiday weekends).

**For more information, visit [www.avcog.org](http://www.avcog.org) or call 783-9186.**

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**Bring your household hazardous waste to the Environmental Depot. Inside are details and instructions on how to dispose of this waste in an easy and environmentally friendly manner.**