

# Village of Oak Park Paint Exchange Project

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# Keeping Oak Park Beautiful



Litter Clean Up



KOPB Partners,  
Adopt A Block,  
Alley Clean Up



Graffiti Ordinance



Worm Composting



GumBuster

# Green Projects



“Green Cleaning”

Rain Barrels

Anti-idling campaign

LED Traffic lights

Bike Rack Installations

Green Fleet Expo

Green Fest

Green Tuesdays

Environmental film screenings

WM CNG trucks

Solar Panels – Ave. Parking Garage

Geo-thermal system – Village Hall

# Special Events



Paint Exchange



Electronics Recycling



Shredded paper recycling





Drop Off promoted to residents only  
but we rarely turn anyone away

Paint is sorted "loosely" by color



# Find Your Own Treasure



Paint Give Away is widely advertised

Shopping carts are a must



Free paint has been used to paint murals, theater sets, Sunday School classrooms and residents' home projects





# Paint Exchange Results

	DROP OFF				GIVE AWAY				IEPA	% Reused	COSTS*
	# HH	GAL	QT	TOTAL	# HH	GAL	QT	TOTAL			
1998	89	685	218	903	64	445	143	588		65%	\$ 2,450.00
1999	142	1,152	270	1,422	56	686	107	793	Participation	56%	\$ 2,450.00
2000	106	618	241	859	38	307	64	371	in "Partners In	43%	\$ 2,450.00
2001	87	660	260	920	47	311	54	365	Waste Paint"	40%	\$ 2,450.00
2002	117	843	282	1,125	24	160	61	221	began in 2004	20%	\$ 2,450.00
2003	138	1,022	307	1,329	97	529	108	637		48%	\$ 2,450.00
2004	193	1,307	340	1,647	84	469	137	606	8 Drums	37%	\$ 2,450.00
2005	163	1,446	377	1,823	66	1,051	134	1,185	5 Drums	65%	\$ 2,450.00
2006	178	1,219	359	1,578	72	647	127	774	9 Drums	49%	\$ 2,450.00
2007	238	1,457	421	1,878	87	842	146	988	10 Drums	43%	\$ 2,450.00
2008	177	1,154	329	1,483	71	753	168	921	5 Drums	62%	\$ 2,450.00
2009	181	1,438	402	1,840	79	826	198	1,024	8 Drums	56%	\$ 2,450.00
2010	142	825	162	987	34	233	57	290	Contractor	30%	\$ 3,225.00
2011	162	1,004	630	1,634	29	286	131	417	9 Drums	26%	\$ 2,450.00
2012	153	1,065	615	1,680	27	179	96	275	9 Drums	16%	\$ 2,450.00
2013	211	1,308	960	2,268	35	450	134	584	9 Drums	26%	\$ 2,450.00
2014	194	1,477	635	2,112	35	298	48	346	10 Drums	16%	\$ 2,450.00
2015	199	1,409	672	2,081	54	327	65	392	4 drums	19%	\$ 2,450.00
2016	189	822	753	1,575	32	429	193	622	4 drums	40%	\$ 2,450.00
<b>TO DATE</b>	<b>3,059</b>	<b>20,911</b>	<b>8,233</b>	<b>29,144</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>9,228</b>	<b>2,171</b>	<b>11,399</b>		<b>39%</b>	<b>\$ 47,325.00</b>

## NOTES:

# HH = Number of households Typically hold 2 Paint Exchanges each year (April & September).

2010 held only 1 event - IEPA discontinued program and a Contractor collected the paint for disposal (\$2,000)

\* The costs include salaries and benefits for 5 employees working each event: 3 working employees are OT; 2 employees are salaried (no OT paid) but their regular hourly rate is included.



# Project Plan:

- Expand program to other communities
- Work with volunteer groups
- Prepare paint for reuse by reformulating
- Sell finished product at ReUse Depot
- Give finished product to those in need

# ILCSWMA Funds

- ▣ Purchased 2 gallon buckets with lids
- ▣ Paint drum pump
- ▣ Disposable Tyvek jumpsuits
- ▣ Disposable gloves
- ▣ PlanItGreen implementation

# KOPB Support

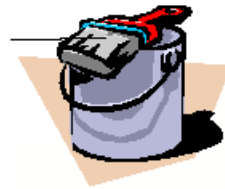
- ▣ Educational materials
- ▣ Volunteer coordination
- ▣ Event site coordination

# Challenges

- **IEPA Approval (pending)**
- **Keep West Cook Beautiful events**
- **Volunteer Groups (Kiwanis)**
- **Site availability**
- **Event schedules**



# To be continued....



## Latex Paint

### **You can dispose of it -**

Paint is only considered "hazardous" if it is in liquid form. If you have latex paint that is dried out or not reusable, you can prepare it for disposal with your regular trash. Paint needs to be completely dry and open cans (of dried) paint may be thrown into your regular trash. Remove the lids and a little paint will dry in a few days. For amounts up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  a can, you can mix in wood chips or kitty litter to speed the drying process. Do not replace the lids on the dried cans (leave them open and discard lids separately).

### **You can give it away - (better)**

See if neighbors, friends, family, your church or other organization can use it. Save good reusable latex paint for Oak Park's Great Paint Exchange held twice a year - in April and September (sponsored by the IL Environmental Protection Agency Partners in Waste Paint program).

### **You can use it up - (BEST!)**

When you are painting, most of the work is in preparation and clean up. So, keep painting until the paint is used up. You'll have a great paint job with nothing left to worry about.



THANK YOU  
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