

# With proper storage, leftover house paint will be usable for years

What do you do with your leftovers? At a restaurant, you probably bring them home in a doggie bag to enjoy later. At home, you carefully wrap your leftovers so you can keep them fresh for later.

Did you know that what's good for food is also good for paint? Many people don't, because far too much perfectly good leftover paint ends up in our nation's landfills. It doesn't even need to be an issue for our environment at all, because leftover paint isn't a waste product, and, when stored properly, it stays fresh for

years.

The National Paint & Coatings Association has developed the following Six-Point Program for Leftover Paint. It helps the environment, and it saves you money:

1. When getting ready to paint, buy just the amount you need to do the job. When you avoid buying too much at the start, there's less chance that leftovers land in the trash later.

2. If you do have leftover paint, store it so it lasts for years. Just cover the opening with plastic wrap and make sure the lid fits securely so the

paint doesn't leak. Then store the paint can upside down! This creates a tight seal and keeps the paint fresh to use again.

3. Use up all your leftover paint. It's great for touch-up jobs and smaller projects. You can also blend and mix smaller quantities of similar colors of latex paint to use as a primer on larger jobs, or jobs where the final finish is not critical.

4. After you use up the paint, what next? Always recycle the empty paint can, of course, following the can recycling procedures in your community. Plastic paint pails and containers may also be recycled in some areas.

5. If you can't use your leftover paint, donate it or exchange it. Community groups, schools, churches and others can use your leftover paint, and you may even be able to take a tax deduction!

6. As a last resort, if you need to dispose of your leftover paint, make sure you do it properly.

Let latex paint air dry away from children and pets. One method is to pour the latex paint into a paper box or bag

and add absorbent material such as shredded paper or cat litter to speed drying. Recycle the empty can, then throw the dried paint away with your normal trash.

Air drying liquid solvent-based paint is not recommended, but if the paint has already solidified in a closed can, you can dispose of it in the regular

trash. Liquid solvent-based paint should not be discarded with normal trash. Instead, save it for the Household Hazardous Waste Event taking place on May 4 at 58555 McNulty Way in St. Helens.

Make sure that leftover paint stays out of our landfills...that's good for our communities and our environment.

## Area liquor stores will open Sundays

Oregon liquor stores may open Sundays and holidays, since April 14, under a bill passed in February during a special session of the state Legislature.

Under HB 4028, Sunday participation by liquor agents is optional, but a number of stores, especially in tourist or recreation areas, will be open Sundays, according to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. The bill, passed with an emergency clause, was designed to raise an additional \$3 million in revenue for the state general fund during the 2001-2003 biennium.

Since Sunday/holiday sales are optional, some stores will

choose to open Sundays and others will remain closed. Liquor stores inside other businesses that normally stay open on Sundays, are the most likely to take advantage of the extra day.

In this area, the liquor stores in Vernonia, Banks and Birkenfeld - all in businesses that normally operate on Sundays - will be open on Sundays.

Where the liquor stores stand alone, as in the rest of Columbia County, they will remain closed on Sundays.

According to the temporary rule, participating liquor stores may operate anytime between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Sundays or holidays.

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## Community Calendar

| APRIL                | MAY                  | JUNE                 | JULY                 |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
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### VERNONIA

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|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Alcoholics Anonymous             | Mondays            | 6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.     |
| Alcoholics Anonymous             | Saturdays          | 7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.     |
| American Legion Post #119        | 2nd Thursday       | 627 Adams Ave./ 503-429-4000    |
| Arts & Crafts Society            | 2nd Thursday       | 2:00 p.m., City Library         |
| Boosters                         | 2nd Wednesday      | 7:30 p.m., VHS Library          |
| Boy Scout Troop 201              | Tuesdays           | 7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.     |
| Boy Scout Troop 860              | Wednesdays         | 7:00 p.m., LDS Church           |
| Cemetery Beautification Comm.    | 2nd Thursday       | 7:00 p.m., Leonetti's Grill     |
| Chamber of Commerce              | 2nd Wednesday      | Noon, Lew's Place               |
| Cub Scout Pack 201               | Scout Cabin        | For Info Call 503-429-0188      |
| Doll Club                        | 4th Tuesday        | 1:00 p.m., Senior Center        |
| Friends of the Library           | 1st Tuesday        | 7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library     |
| Izaak Walton League              | 3rd Thursday       | For location call 503-429-7193  |
| Lions Club                       | 1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 6:30 p.m., Lew's Place          |
| Nehalem Valley Car Club          |                    | For Info Call 503-429-4074      |
| Preschool Story Hour             | Mondays            | 10:30 a.m., City Library        |
| T.O.P.S.                         | Wednesdays         | 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church |
| Upr Nehalem Watershed Council    | 4th Thursday       | For location call 429-2401      |
| Vernonia Airport Committee       | 3rd Wednesday      | 7:00 p.m., City Library         |
| Vernonia Cares Directors         |                    | For location call 503-429-1414  |
| Vernonia City Council            | 1st & 3rd Mondays  | 7:00 p.m., City Hall            |
| Vernonia Comm. Dev. Corp.        | 2nd Tuesday        | Noon, City Hall                 |
| Vernonia Grange                  | 4th Saturday       | 10:30 a.m., Grange Hall         |
| Vernonia Health Center           | 2nd Monday         | 6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.       |
| Vernonia Planning Comm.          | 1st Thursday       | 7:00 p.m., City Hall            |
| Vernonia Pride                   |                    | For Info Call, 503-429-5201     |
| Vernonia Ridge Riders            | Last Thursday      | 7:00 p.m., City Library         |
| Vernonia RFPD Board              | 2nd Tuesday        | 7:00 p.m., Fire Station         |
| Vernonia School Board            | 2nd Thursday       | 8:00 p.m., District Office      |
| Vernonia Sr. Center Board        | 1st Friday         | 1:00 p.m., Senior Center        |
| Vern. Volunteer Ambulance Assoc. | 1st Thursday       | 7:00 p.m., Fire Station         |
| Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters  | 2nd Monday         | 7:00 p.m., Fire Station         |
| WOEC Directors                   | 3rd Tuesday        | 7:00 p.m., WOEC                 |

### MIST-BIRKENFELD

|                             |                  |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg. | 2nd Tuesday      | 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station |
| M-BRFPD Board Workshop      | 4th Tuesday      | 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station |
| M-B Ambulance Assoc.        | 1st & 2nd Thurs. | 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station |
| M-B Firefighters Assoc.     | 1st & 2nd Wed.   | 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station |
| M-B Rescue                  | 3rd Wednesday    | 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station |
| M-B Helping Circle          | 2nd Wednesday    | 10:00 am, 755-2346 for info. |
| Natal Grange                | 2nd Wednesday    | 7:30 p.m., Grange Hall       |
| T.O.P.S.                    | Sundays          | 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station |

### BANKS

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|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Alcoholics Anonymous       | Fridays                | 8:00 p.m., Methodist Church     |
| Banks City Council         | 2nd Tuesday            | 7:30 p.m., City Hall            |
| Banks Planning Commission  | Last Tuesday           | 7:00 p.m., City Hall            |
| Banks School Board         | 2nd Monday             | 7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library     |
| Banks Youth Group          | Sundays, Wednesdays    | 7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.      |
| Chamber of Commerce        | 1st Thursday           | 12:30 p.m., Brown Derby         |
| Citizen Participation Org. | 3rd Monday, odd months | 7:15 p.m., City Hall            |
| Friends of the Library     | 2nd Tuesday            | 7:00 p.m., City Library         |
| Lions Club                 | 1st & 3rd Wednesdays   | 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church     |
| Sunset Park Assoc.         | 3rd Wednesday          | 8:00 p.m., Gun Club             |
| T.O.P.S.                   | Wednesdays             | 7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg. |
| Tri-City RFPD Board        | 2nd Wednesday          | 7:00 p.m., Station 13           |

### COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

|                               |               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Board of Commissioners        | Wednesdays    | 10 a.m., Courthouse              |
| Citizens for Senior Justice   | 2nd Tuesday   | 7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church    |
| COLCO Transportation          | 2nd Friday    | 10:30 a.m., Courthouse           |
| County Council of Seniors     | 2nd Friday    | 1:00 p.m., Courthouse            |
| County Fair Board             | 2nd Monday    | 7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg. |
| County Parks Commission       | 3rd Monday    | 6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.       |
| Emergency Comm. Dist. (9-1-1) | 3rd Tuesday   | 7:00 p.m., Courthouse            |
| Historical Society            | 4th Wednesday | Noon, location call 429-3713     |

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410 or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 725 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.