Latex paint represents more than 80 percent of the paint that consumers purchase. Disposing of unused latex paint wastes valuable resources and unnecessarily consumes landfill space. To help aid residents in the proper disposal of unused latex paint, the cities of Merriam and Shawnee will accept latex paint at the April 19th Community Recycling Event.

How to identify latex paint:
We are only able to accept latex paint only at this event. Please look at the label of your paint and make sure that words like “Water-Base”, “Water Soluble” or “Latex” are found. If you cannot locate this information, look at the clean-up instructions on the back of the container -- latex paint requires only requires the use of warm water and soap for clean-up.

If your label has words like “Oil-Base”, or clean-up instructions requires the use of mineral spirits, thinner or strong cleaners, this paint SHOULD NOT be taken to this event. Additionally, aerosols, thinners, stains and non-latex paint items WILL NOT be accepted. For all non-latex items, please contact Johnson County Household Hazardous Waste (913.719.6900) to schedule an appointment for drop-off and proper disposal.