Are you a Paint Squirrel?

You've finished that paint job, what to do with any left-over paint and those empty tins? Have a look at our waste paint decision tree for some help and avoid having a hoard of paint tins you don't need!

1. Only paint cans. Do these have residues of paint?
   - NO
   - YES
      - Any labels?
        - NO
        - YES
           - Completely empty
              - Is it a metal or plastic can?
                - METAL
                  - Put in your recycling bin
                - PLASTIC
                  - Put in your residual bin
        - NO
           - It's a hazardous waste. Take to a Civic Amenity Site
      - NO
        - Any leftover liquid paint?
          - NO
          - YES
             - Take to a civic amenity site for reuse

For more info, go to www.southernwasteregion.ie
Are you ready for the next paint job...?

Use a paint ready reckoner to buy just the right amount, saving your cash for those finishing touches.

Paint Calculators - Click bucket to go to website.

- Crown Paints
- Dulux Paint
- DIY.com
- www.colortrend.ie
- Weathershield
- Valspar Paint
- Johnstones Paint
- McConnells Paints

Please note:
Each calculator has comments as to its accuracy.

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SOME PAINT IS HAZARDOUS WASTE
If your paint tins have any of these labels - then your paint is going to be a hazardous waste. If such labelled tins are completely empty and dry they could be placed in your recycling bin. The types of paints that will have these labels will be mainly oil-based paint & thinners, and certain speciality paints and coatings.

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