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### NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP GUIDELINES

The Department of Public Works appreciates your time and resources in helping to keep Atlanta beautiful. We would be happy to assist with your neighborhood cleanup project. However, we ask that you adhere to following guidelines:

**Schedule Your Project:** Contact the Office of Solid Waste Services to schedule pick-up of trash, yard trimmings, or recyclables by calling (404) 330-6333. Items compiled from your cleanup project cannot be removed without a scheduled pickup.

**Yard Trimmings:** Place in water tight paper bags or a reusable container not to exceed 35-Gallon capacity.

**Tree Limbs:** Cut limbs 4 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter, stack neatly together near yard trimmings.

**Plastic Bags:** DO NOT use for yard trimmings. Plastic bags can only be used for household garbage, litter, etc. Place near furniture and appliances.

**Furniture:** Place furniture in a separate location from the yard trimmings and tree limbs. A separate truck will collect these items.

**Appliances:** Refrigerators and air conditioners (appliances with coolant) should be scheduled for pick-up through Solid Waste Services at (404) 330-6333. Stoves are to be placed with furniture items for pickup.

**Building Materials:** DO NOT place these items out for pick-up.

**Automobile/Truck Parts & Tires:** DO NOT place these items out for pick-up. You may contact Georgia Tire Recycling at (404) 355-0547. A fee is assessed for this service.

**Paint Cans:** DO NOT place these items out for pick-up.

**Concrete/Bricks:** DO NOT place these items out for pick-up.

## How to Solidify Paint

*Warning: This management option can cause harm to human health and the environment if the described procedures are not followed carefully.*

### Materials needed

- Protective gloves
- Bucket or sturdy cardboard box
- Stirring stick
- Non-flammable absorbent, such as clay-based kitty litter

*Warning: Do not use a paper-based product as an absorbent because it could spontaneously ignite.*

### Safety Precautions

Solidify paint in well-ventilated areas that are inaccessible to children and pets. Do not solidify the paint in a basement or inside the house. If you should feel dizzy or nauseous while working with the paint, take a fresh air break.

Do not solidify paint in a garage or shed where there is an appliance that uses a pilot light, welding activities, light switch, light bulb, electric garage door or any other source of spark or flame. Volatile, reactive or flammable chemicals can concentrate in an inadequately ventilated room. If the room has a source of spark or flame, the airborne chemicals could explode or cause a fire.

Do not smoke or drink alcoholic beverages while solidifying paint. Avoid inhalation of fumes. If you can smell it, you are breathing the product. Wear protective gloves to avoid skin contact while handling the paint.

### Procedures

To solidify small quantities, such as an inch or two in the bottom of a can, simply remove the lid, add non-flammable absorbent and stir until all the liquid is absorbed. When the paint is solidified, place the absorbent and paint cans inside a garbage bag, seal the bag tightly and dispose of it in the trash destined for the landfill.

For larger quantities of paint, mix absorbent and paint in a bucket or sturdy cardboard box and stir. It will be easier if you pour some absorbent in the bottom of the container and add the paint slowly while stirring. Continue to alternate the absorbent and paint and stirring. The end product should be similar in texture to the absorbent. When the paint is solidified, place the absorbent and container inside a garbage bag, seal it tightly, and dispose of it in the trash destined for the landfill.

I \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I have read and agree to adhere to the "Neighborhood Clean-Up Guidelines" established by the City of Atlanta.