

## DuPage County Environmental, Safety, Health & Property Loss Control Program Woodridge Paint Recycling Procedure

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**Purpose:** Provide specific safety procedure for latex paint recycling process at Woodridge Waste Water Treatment Facility

**Policy:** No one under 18 years of age can operate paint can crushing machinery. Only personnel who have been properly trained in the machine operations are permitted to operate crushing machines.

**PPE:**

- Chemical Safety Goggles or Safety Glasses under Full Face Shield
- Rubber disposable gloves
- Disposable plastic apron to protect clothing if desired.

**Emergency Eye Wash / Shower Station:**

- Keep accessible; do not store buckets etc. that would prevent access with your eyes closed.
- For paint in eyes-yell for co-worker to call 911
- Flush eyes for 15 minutes or until medical assistance arrives

**Specific Safety Procedure:**

1. Never operate without proper training.
2. Keep overhead door open for ventilation while working inside building.
3. Never operate can crusher with machine door open.
4. If a can becomes stuck in crushing mechanism DO NOT attempt to remove can.
- 4a. Contact Supervisor who will use proper Lock Out Tag Out (LOTO) procedure before attempting removal of stuck can.
5. DO NOT attempt to lift drums of paint or cans without mechanical assistance.
6. DO NOT operate forklift unless a Certified Fork Lift Operator trained by County.