

TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT GRAFFITI...

1. Get educated! Learn about graffiti, and how it impacts your community. Teach what you learn to teenagers and younger children.
2. Report graffiti to the Removal Hotline (805) 388-5338 or to the Camarillo Police Department (805) 388-5100.
3. Remove graffiti on private property as soon as possible.
4. Coordinate a neighborhood watch group to make your neighborhood graffiti aware (805) 388-5130.
5. Plant trees and other greenery near a graffiti-plagued wall. This will help prevent access.
6. Take pride in your surroundings. Vandalism cheapens your area.
7. Install lighting in areas that are dark and often hit with graffiti. Pick up trash and keep your neighborhood clean.
8. Make a difference! Join our Citizen Patrol. Contact (805) 388-5129 to find out how.
9. Visit the National Anti-Graffiti Web site at www.graffitihurts.org to learn more about what other communities are doing.

CAMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

3701 E. LAS POSAS ROAD

CAMARILLO, CA 93010

(805) 388-5100

IMPORTANT GRAFFITI PHONE NUMBERS...

GRAFFITI IN PROGRESS.....9-1-1
 GRAFFITI REMOVAL..... (805) 388-5338
 GRAFFITI DETECTIVE....(805) 383-4800
 POLICE NON-EMERGENCY (805) 654-9511

A NOTE TO PARENTS!

If a child is caught tagging, his or her parents may be responsible for paying the expensive fines or restitution for their child's crime!

If you suspect your child might be a "tagger" Please call Youth Services for any questions at (805) 388-5131.

The City of Camarillo and Camarillo Police Department

ANTI-GRAFFITI INFORMATION

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GET FACTS...

GET TOOLS...

GET AWARE...

Help to STOP graffiti in our community!

GRAFFITI VANDALISM SAFETY TIPS

Graffiti is not simply a maintenance problem, but a complex social problem as well. Most of the graffiti vandalism is caused by minors in the late night or early morning hours. Some graffiti is the product of gang activity, but the vast majority of the increase in graffiti vandalism is the result of "tagging" committed by juvenile vandals with the primary objective of "peer" recognition. Taggers are not necessarily gang members, but they are likely to come from all neighborhoods of the city and neighboring cities as well.

HOW TO REMOVE GRAFFITI

- Use matching paint.
- Use methyl ethyl ketone on glass or previously painted metal surfaces.
- Use Graffiti Remover on glass, unpainted metal surfaces, brick walls (you must scrub with soap and water too) and always wear rubber gloves.
- Follow product safety instructions.



Graffiti Removal: 388-5338

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STOP GRAFFITI?

- Remove any graffiti on your property immediately!
- Make sure your child is not a graffiti vandal.
- Report it!
- Assist your neighbors if they need your help.
- Call if you see anyone suspicious in your neighborhood.
- Start a neighborhood watch group.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF GRAFFITI VANDALISM?

- Do not attempt to apprehend the suspect.
- Do get a good description of the suspect(s), vehicle(s) involved, and the location.
- Call 9-1-1 for in progress vandalism.

RESPONSIBILITY OF BUSINESS OWNERS

- Educate your staff to the state and local legislation banning the sale of spray paint to minors, and make them aware of the frequent shoplifting of spray paint, markers, and etching tools.
- Post signs at the paint display area stating the penalties for illegal sale to minors, and for graffiti vandalism.
- In the check-out area post signs listing the acceptable proof of age for all spray paint purchasers.
- Assure that spray paint cans and other potential tools (indelible markers, etc.) are in clear view of store personnel or otherwise protected from theft.
- Store graffiti implements under lock and key.

GRAFFITI VANDALS CAN BE SUBJECT TO :

- Civil fines of up to \$1000 per graffiti offense, jail time, and fines for graffiti implements.
- Up to 100 hours of community service.
- Revocation of drivers license.