



PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Mission Statement:** Enhancing community values of ownership, property values and aesthetics by eliminating graffiti in a timely manner through responsive stewardship of available resources and community/volunteer involvement.

**Helpful Telephone Numbers:**

To remove graffiti at no charge from your property or to get 5 gallons of beige paint to paint over graffiti, contact

Graffiti Abatement Program..... 817-212-2700  
FAX..... 817-212-2702  
Email..... Graffiti@fortworthgov.org



**To file a police report, call**

Police Non Emergency Number .... 817-335-4222  
Police Gang Graffiti Unit..... 817-871-8830



**GRAFFITI PREVENTION TIPS**

From  
Keep America Beautiful/  
Graffiti Hurts Program

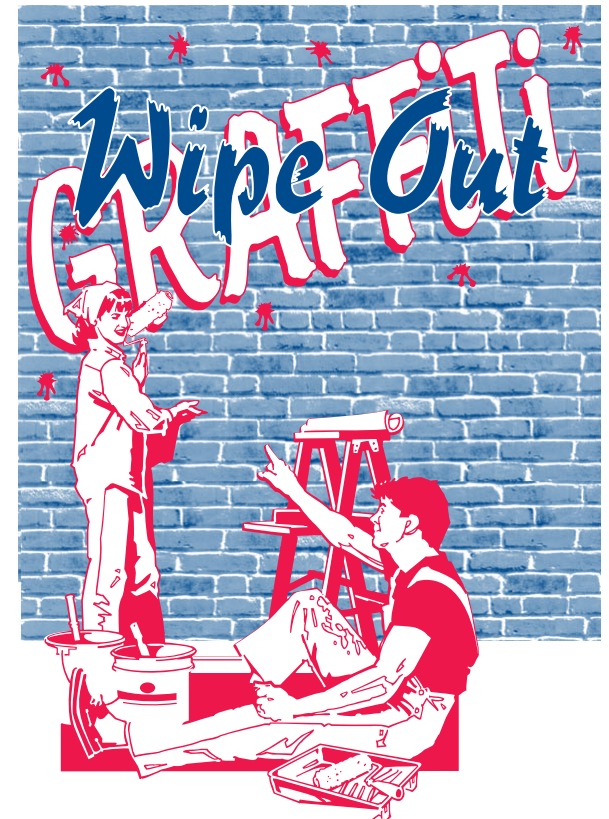
- Ongoing upkeep** • Make every effort to keep the appearance of a facility clean and neat. An exterior appearance that suggests apathy and neglect attracts vandals.
- Rapid removal** • Studies show that removal within 24 to 48 hours results in a nearly zero rate of reoccurrence.
- Control access** • Incorporate shrubs, thorny plants, and vines to restrict vandal access.
  - Add or improve lighting around the building to promote natural surveillance.
  - Use fences, controlled entrance and exits, rails, and other barriers that discourage through traffic.
  - Limit access to roofs by moving dumpsters away from walls and covering drain pipes to prevent vandals from scaling them.
- Step up security** • Install some type of security camera.
  - Organize a “Business Watch” with nearby merchants to keep tabs on a business area.
  - Businesses may want to employ security personnel to monitor property.
  - Don’t allow a “legal wall”, or an area that permits graffiti, at your business; they are largely ineffective and may draw more graffiti vandals to the area.
  - Employ graffiti resistant materials or coatings on a chronically hit wall.
- Work with the community** • Mount a community mural on a chronically hit wall. Contact the Graffiti Abatement Program with location.
  - Print graffiti prevention messages on bags, sales flyers, tray liners, book covers, calendars, and other promotional items.
  - Refrain from using graffiti images in ads or promoting graffiti in any way.



Parks and Community Services Department  
Presents



**The Graffiti  
Abatement Program**



## GRAFFITI AND YOU

### Why should I care about graffiti?

Not only is graffiti unattractive, it lowers property values and encourages other types of crime in neighborhoods. By removing graffiti promptly, property owners can send a message to the people responsible for graffiti.

### How can I remove graffiti from my property?

The City of Fort Worth's Graffiti Abatement Program (GAP) helps property owners remove graffiti from their property **AT NO COST**.

### What Services does GAP Provide?

GAP can provide graffiti removal services (paint to match on painted surfaces or pressure washing/sandblasting on natural surfaces) on private and commercial property at no charge to the property owner – OR – Property owners may obtain up to five gallons of FREE beige paint every three months to paint over the graffiti themselves. GAP also provides the Graffiti Patrol to paint/ pressure washing/sandblast graffiti from public and park property.

### How can I get Free Graffiti Removal or Paint?

#### FREE GRAFFITI REMOVAL-PAINT TO MATCH/ PRESSURE WASHING OR SANDBLAST?

Contact GAP to mail/FAX/email a Permission to Remove Graffiti Form. This form allows the company contracted with the Parks and Community Services Department permission to enter your property and abate graffiti.

#### FREE PAINT?

Contact GAP to arrange for an appointment to pick up beige paint. GAP is located in the Satellite Paint Bank at 920 Woodward, just east of the White Settlement Road and Henderson intersection, near downtown Fort Worth. You will need to bring with you:

- Pictures of the graffiti
- A picture ID
- Proof of ownership or residency at the property (such as a recent water bill, electric bill, or tax statement)

### Does the type of property matter?

No. **FREE** paint is available for private residences as well as commercial properties

### What is the Graffiti Patrol?

The Graffiti Patrol was created by the City of Fort Worth, and is composed of city employees, a private contractor and many volunteers. Additional work is done by adults on work release from the municipal jail and juveniles who must perform court mandated community service. In addition to painting over graffiti, the Graffiti Patrol also uses sandblasting and mural painting to help control graffiti.

### What is the Satellite Paint Bank?

The Satellite Paint Bank stores paint for use by private citizens and the Graffiti Patrol for graffiti removal purposes only.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Remove graffiti from your property promptly. It is illegal in the City of Fort Worth to allow graffiti to remain on your property.

- Report the crime of graffiti on your property to the police at 817-335-4222.
- Take a Picture of the graffiti prior to removing it. Give the pictures to the Gang Graffiti Police Officers or your Neighborhood Police Officer and request the pictures be forwarded to the Gang Graffiti Police Unit
- Report graffiti at any location to the following:  
Email ..... Graffiti@fortworthgov.org  
Graffiti Abatement Program.....817-212-2700  
Gang Graffiti Police Officers.....817-871-8830
- Shop at stores participating in the Responsible Retailer Program.
- Volunteer your time to help at the Satellite Paint Bank or with the Graffiti Patrol. Call Alison Letnes, Coordinator, **GAP**, at 817-212-2700 or Cindy Brooks, Public Education Specialist/Volunteer Coordinator, Parks and Community Services Department, at 817-871-5778 for information on volunteering.



### Satellite Paint Bank

920 Woodward

(Enter from Congress)

817-212-2700

Graffiti@fortworthgov.org

**Hours:**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

