



GRAFFITI WATCH
Stopping Graffiti In Your Neighborhood

Graffiti means someone painting or writing on your wall without your permission. That is a crime!

Rapid and efficient removal or cover-up of graffiti can reduce the recurrence of graffiti crime.

We can win when all parts of the community join together toward a common goal.

Do you have a suggestion for making the schools, parks, and homes in your neighborhood more secure from graffiti/tagging?

GRAFFITI HOTLINE
505 – 955 -2255

REPORT TAGGING IN PROGRESS
505 - 428 – 3710

**CALL CRIME STOPPERS and earn a \$1000
reward.**
505 – 955 - 5050

Graffiti Prevention: Tips for Santa Fe Homeowners

How does Graffiti “hurt”?

Graffiti sends a message that nobody cares, attracting other forms of crime and street delinquency to the neighborhood. Learn about how graffiti impacts you, your neighborhood and your family.

How can a homeowner prevent graffiti?

1. Make every effort to keep the appearance of a home clean and neat.
2. Rapid and continual removal of graffiti. Studies show that removal within 24 to 48 hours results in nearly zero rate of reoccurrence.
3. Add or improve lighting, plant thorny bushes, limit access to roofs by moving dumpsters and covering drainpipes.
4. Form a Neighborhood Watch.
5. Adopt a spot in your neighborhood and get everyone to keep it graffiti free..
6. Dedicate a neighborhood association meeting to graffiti/tagging and litter.
7. Refrain from using graffiti images in ads or promoting graffiti in any way.
8. Report all graffiti. 955 2255
9. Take pictures of all graffiti before it is removed and send them to the police.
10. Remove graffiti promptly and completely.

How should graffiti be removed?

First, consider the surface, access, costs, and any local restrictions. Consider applying a graffiti retardant after you clean the surface.

- Paint out
- Chemical removal using one of several types of solvents.
- Power washing