



Graffiti Abatement

The San Jose-Evergreen Community College District, together with the City of San Jose, is on a mission to wipe out graffiti on campus. We ask our campus community members to help out.

Report Graffiti

Call [270-6468](tel:270-6468) to report graffiti on campus. Call [270-6468](tel:270-6468) or [911](tel:911) to report campus vandalism in progress. If you want to report information about taggers anonymously, please call Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers at (408) 947-7867

The District Police Department is a member of an automated Graffiti Tracking program hosted by the San Jose Police Department's Metro Graffiti Unit. This program allows us to share information regarding graffiti incidents with other law enforcement agencies in the area. This information can include suspect information, photos of graffiti monikers, etc.

Graffiti is a crime investigated by the District Police Department. In cases where suspect leads lead us to the City of San Jose, we coordinate law enforcement investigations with the SJPD's Metro Graffiti Unit, consisting of two full time officers who investigate graffiti crimes in San Jose. The officers' primary responsibilities include the identification and arrest of graffiti vandals, with a goal of a successful criminal prosecution. The Metro Graffiti Team focuses on tagging crews and gang graffiti trends. Graffiti Officers also assist patrol with their investigations. Metro Graffiti Officers conduct presentations at community meetings, local schools and teach TAG classes to juvenile offenders and their parents as part of a rehabilitation program.

Visit the [San Jose Police Department](#) for tips on preventing graffiti.

NOTE: The "tips" below seem directed more toward parents, personal homes, and not relevant to the colleges or district. Can we say "For Tips on How to Prevent Graffiti" click here – then include a link to the SJPD site? This will reduce pages on the district site that are not entirely relevant.

- Teach responsibility and respect
Your children need to know that graffiti on private and public property is illegal and disrespectful.
- Teach community pride
Parents, teachers, and community leaders should help discourage graffiti. The greater the stake a teen has in his or her community, the less likely he or she will vandalize it.
- Protect your own property. Although there is no foolproof way to deter graffiti, there are some measures you can take to make your home, campus or business less attractive to graffiti vandals. Below are some ideas.
- Landscaping - Vandals like to paint graffiti on large flat surfaces, like sides of buildings or garages. Consider planting ivy or other clinging vegetation along these structures. The plants make your property look greener while reducing the likelihood that there will be graffiti problems.
- Murals - Graffiti vandals also like having clean canvases for their work. That's why painting murals on garage doors or walls can deter graffiti. However, be careful what artwork you put up.

Some designs and styles could give vandals the impression that their graffiti is tolerated in your neighborhood.

- Fences - Fences can also have a nice, flat, graffiti-friendly surface. Avoid this by getting one with board gaps or lattices. That way, you can enclose your yard without inviting graffiti.
- Other Solutions
- Install fences and plant thorny or thick bushes in front of large walls. Make it harder for vandals to get access to roofs of businesses by covering downspouts and moving commercial trash bins away from walls. When painting your property, consider darker colors that are less attractive to graffiti vandals. Increase lighting or use motion-activated lights around your property. Consider applying a protective coating which provides a barrier between your property's surface and the graffiti. Several different brands and prices are available. Check the Yellow Pages under "Graffiti Removal & Protection."
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- Organize:
There are many advantages when block clubs, student organizations, neighborhood organizations and other groups band together to protect their environment:
- Form a campus or neighborhood graffiti removal crew and help those who are not able to do so themselves
- Get neighborhood businesses to sponsor clean-up and prevention efforts
- Create a watch force for areas frequently vandalized
- Involve community youth in removing graffiti
- Help identify and apprehend graffiti writers involved in graffiti
- Participate in the city's public property adoption (adopt-a-litter container, adopt-a-block, and adopt-a-street) programs

BE A VOLUNTEER

Help keep your community stay clean, join The City of San Jose Anti-Graffiti & Litter Volunteer Program.

The City of San Jose has a program to assist residents and businesses that need to remove graffiti from their property. Graffiti not only creates blight but also may attract crime to an area if not removed in a timely manner. To receive free paint or further information, please contact the City of San Jose Anti-Graffiti Program at 277-3208 or contact: [City of San Jose - Anti-Graffiti Program](#).