

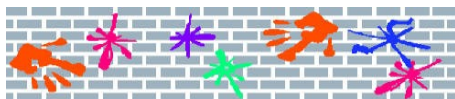
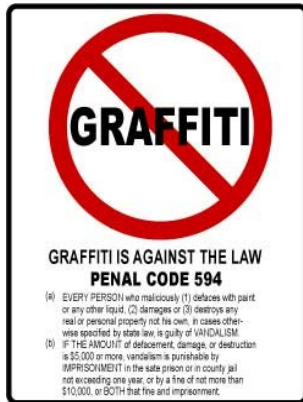
**MORE TIPS FOR GRAFFITI PREVENTION**

Make a difference! Join your Temecula Against Graffiti (T.A.G). Volunteer program aimed directly prevention and catching graffiti in action. Contact (951) 696-3000 to find out how.

**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 Police Activities League ( P.A.L) for any questions at (951) 587-3900



**KEEPING OUR STREETS GRAFFITI FREE**

The Temecula Police Department is committed to work in partnership with our community to enhance the safety, security, and quality of life for the residents and visitors in Temecula.

**IMPORTANT GRAFFITI PHONE NUMBERS....**

**IF YOU SEE GRAFFITI IN PROGRESS**

**9-1-1**

**IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF GRAFFITI, FILE A POLICE REPORT:**

**(951) 696-HELP (4357)**

**GRAFFITI REMOVAL:**

**(951) 694-6444**



Helpful Sites  
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[www.kab.org](http://www.kab.org) Keep America Beautiful  
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 To contact the Temecula Police Office:  
 Emergency: 911  
 Non-Emergency (951)-676-HELP(4357)



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## WHAT IS GRAFFITI?

Graffiti is words, colors, and shapes drawn or scratched on buildings, overpasses, train cars, desks, and other surfaces. Its done without permission and is against the law. Graffiti sends the signal that nobody cares, attracting other forms of crime and street delinquency. Fortunately, there are things we can all do to eliminate and prevent graffiti in our city.



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## HOW CAN YOU HELP

What to do if you see someone tagging:  
Dail 911 immediately and report it to the police, provide the following information:

- \* Location of the incident.
- \*Description (s) of the incident.
- \*What they are doing.
- \* Direction of travel if they leave.
- \*License plate number and description of vehicle.

## TIPS FOR GRAFFITI PREVENTION

Remove graffiti immediately. When graffiti is ignored or not removed in a timely manner, it encourages taggers to continue defacing your property. The sooner you cover the tagging, the sooner its stops. Before any graffiti removal begins, however, find out whether the police want to photograph it as evidence.

Encourage everyone in the community to report graffiti as soon as it happens.

Plant trees or other greenery near a graffiti-plagued wall. This will help prevent access.

Install lighting in areas that are dark and often hit with graffiti. Pick up trash and keep your neighborhood clean.

Volunteer to keep your community clean.

Talk openly to your kids about respecting the property of others and taking pride in their neighborhood and community. STOP a graffiti vandal before they start! Educate your kids early.



## HOW DOES GRAFFITI "HURT" A COMMUNITY?

Graffiti sends the signal that nobody cares, attracting other forms of crime to the neighborhood.

Graffiti drains tax dollars. Funds that could be used for public safety, roads, parks, and other community improvements, are used for graffiti cleanup. The City of Temecula spend more than \$300,000 each year on graffiti eradication.



Graffiti decreases a resident's feeling of safety. Neighborhood with graffiti see a decrease in property values, loss of business growth and tourism.

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