

## Graffiti / Graffiti Removal

Graffiti is a national problem that is solved community by community.

Do your part to help stop graffiti in your community:  
**See it. Report it. Remove it.**

**View** the complete City Ordinance concerning graffiti.

**To report graffiti on your own property, please call 303-655-2097.  
Select option (1) to file a police report.**



### How You Can Help With the Graffiti Problem

- A partnership approach to graffiti is the best approach for dealing with a complex social problem - it involves homeowners, parents, businesses, law enforcement, the courts, and the eyes and ears of its citizens.
- Graffiti forms a chain of communication among taggers; when swiftly broken, it is less likely to be continued.
- The prompt reporting of graffiti results in prompt removal, and reduces the incidence of repeat vandalism - thus the slogan "See it. Report it. Remove it."
- Become informed about graffiti - schedule a program for your community group with an expert from the Brighton Police Department on the subject of graffiti.
- To schedule a program for your community group on how to recognize different types of graffiti, and how to spot behaviors in people (and remember not all graffiti is committed by kids) who might be graffiti vandals, contact the Brighton Police Department at 303-655-2300 or e-mail [acuney@brightonco.gov](mailto:acuney@brightonco.gov)

### Graffiti - A National Problem Becomes Local

Graffiti is defined as any unauthorized marking on public or private property. Not all graffiti is gang related, but all graffiti is vandalism.

While most people do not think of Brighton as a community afflicted with graffiti, the incidence of this type of vandalism is on the rise nationwide and Brighton is no exception.

The new ordinance makes the commission of graffiti a crime punishable by fine or jail term, and creates proactive measures designed to prevent minors from becoming involved in graffiti vandalism by:

- Taking graffiti writing materials out of the hands of minors by making their possession against the law.
- Prohibiting businesses in Brighton from selling the most popular graffiti writing materials to minors, and requiring these products to be kept under constant surveillance.
- Involving parents should a graffiti conviction occur by making them responsible for restitution and also for attending their child's community service.

**A tough property standards law also now requires property owners to remove or cover graffiti on their property within 7 days of being reported or face an escalating fine schedule.**

Brighton is known throughout the country for its preservation of open spaces and its outstanding parks, and cultural heritage. The physical attractiveness of Brighton is reflected in one of the City Council's five strategic goals: maintaining a beautiful city. The aggressive response to graffiti vandalism furthers that goal, and contributes to the widespread regard Brighton residents have for living in their physically attractive community.

## Community Resources

Need to get rid of graffiti on your property? The following local businesses are providing a discount on graffiti removal supplies (including paint) to Brighton property owners who have been victimized by graffiti vandalism:

- Home Depot, 2440 Buckley Road – 10% discount; contact customer service desk.
- Lowe's, 4980 E. Bromley Lane – 10% discount; contact customer service desk.
- Wal-Mart, 60 W. Bromley Lane – 10% discount; contact customer service desk.
- Sherwin Williams, 1555 E. Bridge St #A – 15% discount; contact customer service desk.

**In order to receive the discount, property owners must present one of the three following items:**

- Notice from City of Brighton Code Enforcement.
- City of Brighton police report.
- City of Brighton Police officer business card with case report number on it.