

# Working Together for a Graffiti-Free Hayward

We're all victims of graffiti. It brings down the neighborhood, lowers property values, and should be removed as soon as possible. "Taggers" want their work to be seen, so removing graffiti as soon as possible will usually cause them to move somewhere else.

## Get Involved!

Calling the City's **Graffiti Hot Line** (510-583-4122) is an option, as well as going to [www.hayward-ca.gov](http://www.hayward-ca.gov) and clicking on ACCESS HAYWARD. Here you can obtain information regarding the City's Graffiti Abatement Program or submit a service request which will be forwarded to the appropriate staff.



**However**, depending on the City to solve the graffiti problem alone is not the answer; we all need to work together as a team. It would be even more effective if the community organized to paint out neighborhood graffiti. (*Remember to always get permission from property owners before painting out graffiti on their property!*)

Planting ivy, shrubs and other landscaping in front of a fence or wall may help to deter taggers. Decorative lattice installed against a wall or fence may also be helpful.

## Obtain Supplies:

**Anti-Graffiti Paint** is available, but it can be expensive. Below are a few such products:



- "This Stuff Works", sold at Kelly-Moore Paints – [www.tswwarehouse.com](http://www.tswwarehouse.com)
- "Wearlon Industrial Coating Systems" – [www.wearlon.com](http://www.wearlon.com)
- "New Dimensions" – [www.ndclean.com/graffitishield.htm](http://www.ndclean.com/graffitishield.htm)

*There are other products available if you go online and Google Anti-Graffiti Paint.*

Below is a list of places that offer **free** paint:

- ✚ Davis Street Transfer Station (2615 Davis Street, San Leandro). Call Rebecca Jewell (510-563-4214) for further information on how to obtain paint.
- ✚ Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program (1-800- 606-6606). Call for location and days of distribution. The paint is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis and comes in beige or off-white.

## What an idea!

Ask your local retailers for "**Oops Paint**". This is an informal name for paint that was ordered or made incorrectly and is offered by some stores at a discounted price, if not for free... Below is a list of contact information for some retailers in the area:

- Home Depot - 21787 Hesperian Blvd.....510-887-8544
- Kelly-Moore - 28722 Mission Blvd. ....510-538-8590
- Lowe's Home Improvement - 32040 Union Landing. Union City.....510-476-0600
- Hayward Ace Hardware - 808 "B" Street, Hayward .....510-581-5010