



# What is Graffiti

Graffiti is any inscription, word, figure, painting or other defacement that is written, marked, etched, scratched, sprayed, drawn, painted, or engraved on any public or private surface without the owner's permission.

# Graffiti Facts



Immediate removal, within 24 - 48 hours is successful in graffiti prevention.



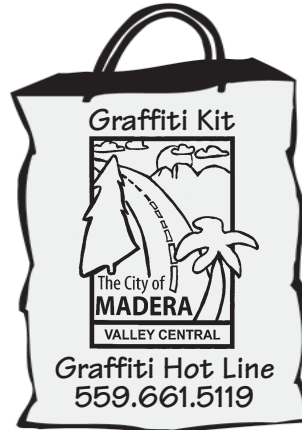
Gang graffiti makes up approximately 10% of graffiti in US cities.



Of all street-level graffiti, 50 - 70% is created by suburban adolescents, predominately males between the ages 12 and 19.

# Reporting Graffiti

Report all graffiti within the City of Madera to:  
Hotline: (559) 661-5119  
Tip Line: (559) 675-4242



Volunteer Info:  
Christina (559) 232-9758  
or Tim (559) 232-9792

For private property call  
Madera Police Department  
at (559) 675-4200  
to create a vandalism report

To report graffiti outside  
City limits, call Madera County  
at (559) 675-7821

# Graffiti Prevention Tips

## FOR BUSINESSES:

- ✓ Remove graffiti within 24 to 48 hours.
- ✓ Plant shrubs, thorny plants, and vines to restrict access.
- ✓ Add or improve lighting around the building by incorporating motion sensed lighting.
- ✓ Install fences, controlled entrances and exits, rails, and other barriers around property.
- ✓ Limit access to roofs by moving dumpsters or other structures away from walls.
- ✓ Post security camera(s) and/or surveillance signage.
- ✓ Use graffiti resistant materials or coatings on continuously hit walls.

## FOR HOMEOWNERS:

- ✓ Ask your association to install lighting in neighborhood areas that are dark and often hit with graffiti.
- ✓ For condos and apartments, work with residential property owners to incorporate graffiti prevention tips mentioned above into building security.
- ✓ Organize a Neighborhood Graffiti Watch to help law enforcement keep tabs on criminal activity in your neighborhood.