

REDUCING YOUR RISK

- Increase lighting of high-risk areas using motion sensor lights and vandal-proof full cutoff permanent lighting.
- Limit access to items that can be used to scale walls.
- Use a dark paint if possible on any unpainted concrete or brick surfaces. Dark surfaces seem to get tagged less often than light surfaces.
- Consider organic wall treatments. Vines and other plants cover walls and make it difficult for graffiti vandals.
- In some areas good quality wall murals have been used to discourage graffiti and vandalism.

“A united effort of removal makes a clear statement to offenders that their destructive graffiti and other illegal activities will NOT be tolerated in your neighborhood.”

City of Longmont

Code Enforcement

385 Kimbark St

Longmont CO 80501

303-651-8695/303-651-8321

GEAR HOTLINE –303-774-GEAR (4327)

Report Graffiti:

**GRAFFITI ASSISTANCE—NOT IN PROGRESS -
CALL HOTLINE 303-774-GEAR (4327)**

Or report online via city’s website

www.ci.longmont.co.us—online services—
report graffiti

**GRAFFITI, VANDALISM OR DAMAGE -
IN PROGRESS CALL— 911**

“ADOPT-A-SPOT”

Graffiti Removal or Reporting Program

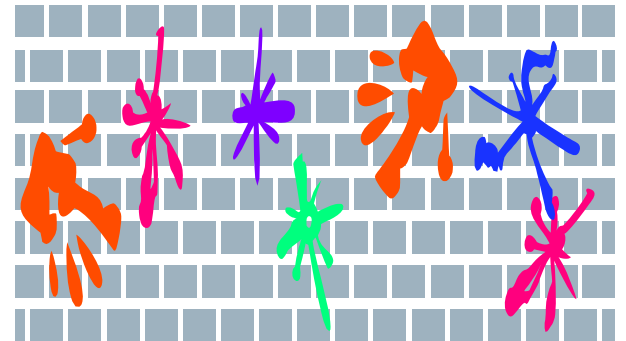
The City of Longmont is encouraging residents, citizens, civic groups and others to become part of the solution to graffiti vandalism by taking part in the “Adopt-A-Spot” program. “Adopt” a transformer box, Utility box, fence, concrete abutment or any other “thing” near where you live. Sign up to request free paint and graffiti removal supplies if you wish to take an active part in actual removal of graffiti. Citizens may also be part of the “Adopt-A-Spot” program by just actively reporting graffiti to the GEAR Hotline

Contact Code Enforcement to sign up for
“Adopt-A-Spot”

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GRAFFITI

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Graffiti **STOPS with you!**

Remove it—Report it

Every time it appears

Everywhere it appears

“Adopt-A-Spot”

What is Graffiti ?

Graffiti is the defacing of public or private property by painting, drawing, writing, etching, or carving, using paint, spray paint, ink, knife or similar methods without the property owner's permission. There are primarily two types of graffiti; gang graffiti and tagger graffiti.

GANG GRAFFITI

Gang graffiti is the written language of gangs. It is commonly written with words misspelled and with letters reversed, drawn upside down or crossed out. It can cause endless reprisals and other vandalism or violence.

TAGGER GRAFFITI

Tagger graffiti is written by a "tagger" (a person who adopts a nickname or "tag").

Taggers write their tag on public and private property, typically on the same surface as the gang graffiti. The style of tagger writing usually resembles handwriting and is difficult or impossible to read.

Those who write tagger graffiti are usually not affiliated with gangs, but will sometimes run in small groups called "crews".

REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI

While the City realizes that property owners are the victims in graffiti vandalism, it is important to **remove the graffiti as soon as possible** and City Code requires it. If left in place, graffiti adds to the deterioration of neighborhoods (both residential and commercial) and may result in the reduction of property values.

Further, it invites a response from rival gangs or taggers and may lead to an increase in criminal activity in the area.



When an individual or neighborhood becomes involved in active, frequent removal of graffiti, it sends more than a "cosmetic" message.

A united effort of removal makes a clear statement to offenders that their destructive graffiti and other activities will not be tolerated.

The City is asking for your help in removing the graffiti that has been placed on your property. You may choose to remove the graffiti yourself, in a manner you deem most appropriate for your situation. If you are unable to remove the graffiti yourself, the City is prepared to offer you free assistance in the form of labor, materials or both. There are limitations on the style of removal the City can offer, please contact Code Enforcement to get more information or request graffiti removal.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/code_enf/ord/graffiti/index.htm

[Report graffiti on-line:](#)

<http://www.ci.longmont.co.us>

On-line services—report graffiti