



All parklet owners are responsible for maintaining the surface areas free of graffiti and related blight. These recommendations are offered to assist applicants with designing graffiti-resistant parklets.

Parklet surfaces may be treated with a graffiti-resistant coating

There are two types of protective surface coatings to deter graffiti: sacrificial and non-sacrificial. Each is available in either clear or pigmented form. Pigmented coatings serve to both cover existing graffiti and provide a surface from which graffiti may easily be removed. Both types of coatings can be applied by brush, roller and/or spray. Anti-graffiti coatings can be purchased at many large home improvement stores, paint supply retailers or online. It is important to follow manufacture's guidelines in applying these products and in removing graffiti.

Sacrificial

A sacrificial coating is a removable, protective film that acts as a barrier to defacement materials. Typically, sacrificial coatings are not toxic, and, once in place, they often eliminate the need for a solvent or chemical graffiti remover in subsequent graffiti clean-ups. Graffiti removal from a sacrificial coating involves removing the graffiti and the coating underneath it. Sacrificial coatings must be re-applied after each graffiti clean-up.

Non-sacrificial

Non-sacrificial coatings are basically chemical resistant paints. They allow solvent blends to dissolve defacement paints, inks, and dyes, while leaving the non-sacrificial paint or coating unaffected by the cleaning or removal process. Graffiti is unable to adhere to chemical additives in these paints so that, if it sticks at all, the graffiti can be easily removed.

Other Graffiti Deterrent Tips

- Textured or uneven surfaces are less attractive to graffiti vandals
- Natural deterrents such as landscaping – thorny plants, vines and cactus can assist in limiting access to surfaces for vandalism
- Avoid unsealed porous surface materials
- Plastic surfaces are generally very difficult to clean
- Well-lit areas can discourage graffiti vandals

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