



Reducing Graffiti

Landscaping

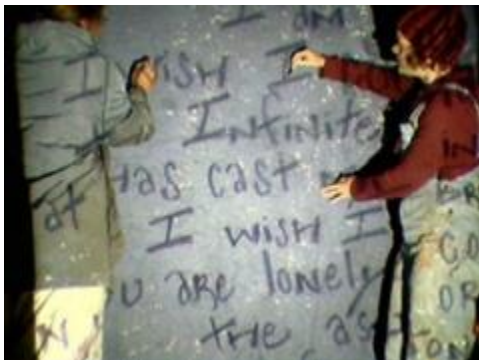
Vandals like to paint graffiti on large flat surfaces, like sides of buildings or garages. Consider planting ivy or other clinging vegetation along these structures. The plants can make property look greener while reducing the likelihood that there will be graffiti problems.



Murals

Graffiti vandals also like having clean canvases for their work. That's why painting murals on garage doors or long spanning walls can deter graffiti. However, be careful what artwork allowed. Some designs and styles could give vandals the impression that their graffiti is tolerated on your property.





Fences

Fences can also have a nice, flat, graffiti-friendly surface. Avoid this by using fences with board gaps, lattices or chain link.



Other solutions

- Install fences and plant thorny or thick bushes in front of large walls.
- Make it harder for vandals to get access to roofs of businesses by covering downspouts and moving commercial trash bins away from walls.
- When painting the property, consider darker colors that are less attractive to graffiti vandals.
- Increase lighting or use motion-activated lights or motion activated alarms around the property.
- Consider applying a protective coating which provides a barrier between the property's surface and the graffiti.

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