

Dear Maintenance men

My building gets hit by graffiti on a regular basis. How can I stop this curse?

Jim

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Dear Jim:

There are several solutions that may help.

1. Painting over graffiti as quickly as possible will help deter future vandalism. We recommend painting over the same day or within 24 hours of the graffiti appearing on your property. Graffiti vandals like to advertise. The longer people that see their "Mark" the better. By removing the graffiti quickly, the less recognition the vandals will receive, thus making your building less attractive to graffiti taggers.
2. Install lighting in areas prone to graffiti. Motion activated lights also work well to deter vandals.
3. Planting vines or bushes along a wall or the side of the building is a good long-term solution. As the landscape grows, it will make it more difficult to graffiti your walls.