

play
day

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

GRAFFITI REMOVAL



INSTRUCTIONS:

Number of Participants:
Unlimited!

Materials:
Soap, water, rags, paint,
brushes, drop cloth

Description:
Removing graffiti from park or playground equipment is a great way to reclaim the park with the kids!

Steps:
The process for graffiti removal will vary slightly based on the type of surface that was damaged. For metal or plastic surfaces, it is best to start by using soap and water. You'd be surprised at how much graffiti can be rubbed off with a little bit of elbow grease.

If graffiti still remains, try to remove it with a wire brush or steel wool. Another option is to use a power washer. Check with your local Parks and Recreation Department, as they may have additional resources to help remove graffiti at your Play Day.

Create a community mural to cover or replace the graffiti on walls and other surfaces. A paint-out is a valuable way to show pride in your park. (When selecting the paint at your hardware store, make sure to tell them what type of surface you will be working with.)

Lay down the drop cloth to avoid dripping paint on the sidewalk near your playspace. Wipe the surface with a rag to remove any dirt and to make sure you have a dry surface to paint on. Go ahead and paint a mural!

Last year, the kids at the Kenmore Play Day in Kenmore, Wash. completed a service project to remove paint from their play structure, slide, and park benches.



Play
matters

Over 64% of parents believe that cleaning up a play space would be very helpful in increasing the time or space for outdoor play in their communities.

Take
action

Setup a Playground Watch to build community pride and ensure that the playspace equipment stays graffiti free.