

Graffiti; Noun

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: writing or drawing made on a public structure without permission; or usually unauthorized writing or drawing on a public surface.

Ashburn Farm has experienced a growing issue with graffiti within our common areas. Our goal is to immediately remove graffiti when it occurs. Members are encouraged to do their part by reporting and taking steps to deter vandals in Ashburn Farm.

Recommended steps for dealing with graffiti:

1. If you happen to see someone defacing property, don't try to stop it yourself.

Call the police immediately (703-777-1021, is the non-emergency number) and report vandalism in progress. Make a mental note of as many details as possible about the perpetrators including how many, what age, male or female, and any distinctive clothing that will help the police identify them.

2. Encourage your neighbors to also watch for and report graffiti vandals.

It's important to look out for each other in our neighborhood, and one way of doing this is to notify your neighbors and board members about any graffiti you see or vandals you observe.

3. When graffiti appears on property in the homeowners' association, photograph and report it.

Record when and where it appeared, and other relevant information. Share your documentation with the police and Homeowners Association, as appropriate. "Taggers" gain more notoriety the longer the graffiti remains. Reporting it to us as soon as possible allows us to act quickly and sends a message that you care about the Ashburn Farm community.

Working together, keeping a vigilant watch out for instances of graffiti, and reporting them quickly (with photos, whenever possible) to maintenance@afhoa.net will go a long way toward reducing the number of incidents and problems in our community. We thank you in advance for helping to keep Ashburn Farm a great community in which to live and recreate.

If you see something, say something. Contact the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the Association Office.

Talk with your kids about the repercussions of vandalism in the community. It is defacing private property, damaging the community's morale, and there is a cost of fixing the damages.

