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Reporting Graffiti
If you see graffiti on a property you can report it by calling the Code Enforcement Department at 913-573-8600. Please give them the address if you can.

Code Enforcement Process
Once a property is reported, the Code Officer will check to see if the property owner has signed an authorization form. The Unified Government has a program to assist property owners with graffiti cleanup if they have signed this authorization form. If the property owner has not signed an authorization form, the Code Officer will send the owner a letter about the graffiti code violation. The owner can either sign and return the authorization form or clean up the graffiti themselves.

Who Can Sign an Authorization Form?
The authorization form gives the Unified Government legal authority to go onto a property to cleanup unwanted graffiti. With residential properties, the owner of the property must sign the authorization form. With commercial or businesses properties, the owner of the building or the owner of the business may sign the authorization form.

Cleanup Process
When painting over the graffiti, the graffiti will be painted out in a block area and serve as a primer coat. Whole sides of buildings or surfaces will not be painted. The paint used for cleanup may not be a perfect color match. We will try to match colors as best as possible. Owners can supply the paint if they want a perfect match.

Continued Cleanup Help For Property Owners
If you as a property owner get hit again with graffiti and have signed the Authorization Form for Abatement, you can call Operation Brightside, Inc. 913-573-8735 for more assistance.

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If an individual who makes graffiti is caught and prosecuted they can be fined up to $1,000.00 and/or imprisoned for up to one year. Unwanted graffiti placed on your building or property is an act of vandalism to your property.