



**Buff a Block**

*PROGRAM*

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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## **BUFF-A-BLOCK PROGRAM**

- ❖ The Graffiti Buff-A-Block Program functions in the same fashion as the Adopt a Park Program.
- ❖ It is designed to be a fun and educational activity, promoting civic responsibility, community pride, spirit, camaraderie, and to provide an opportunity to accomplish something positive.
- ❖ It is a group effort on behalf of community residents to commit to “adopting” a particular location and ensuring it remains clean and free of graffiti.
- ❖ Adoption can be a group or an individual effort.
- ❖ Locations can be on public or private property and can range from a single structure, or an area of one or multiple blocks. If private property, City staff has to be notified and is responsible for getting approval and consent from the resident.
- ❖ It is designed to operate with a minimum of red tape and with minimum supervision from the Public Works Department.
- ❖ The program is designed for residents to commit and remove graffiti as soon as possible

## **PROGRAM DETAILS**

- ❖ All participants agree to buff (eradicate) graffiti in their designated block(s) or structure for a contracted period of time. Participants clean up all of the graffiti except for pressure washing and color matching. City Staff shall be notified of areas that need these services.
- ❖ The Public Works Department will provide free paint. For areas that need to be color matched, City Staff shall be notified.

## **BUFFABLE BLOCKS**

The Buff-A-Block Program applies to any block(s) and/or structure in your neighborhood. Participants shall notify City Staff prior to conducting a cleanup. All private property will need a consent form signed. City Staff will be responsible for obtaining a consent form from resident.

## **SAFETY**

Buff-A-Block Program participants' safety is always the utmost concern of the Public Works Department. The Buff-A-Block Program is designed so that common sense safety will prevail.

Participants bear individual responsibility for personal safety and appropriate behavior when working.

Group and individual liability waivers are required. These waivers are agreeing to not hold the City of Chula Vista liable for injuries or property damage arising from any negligent action or nonconformance with these safety requirements, minors will need the consent form signed by their parent or legal guardian in order to participate.

Participants will work without direct supervision from the Public Works Department staff. Groups should consist mostly of adults, but if minors participate, at least one adult is required per every eight minors.

Group leaders are responsible for conducting safety briefings for all participants prior to each cleanup event. Group leaders will be trained by City of Chula Vista Public Works Department staff.

Safety topics should include:

- ❖ Wear proper safety gear and appropriate clothing
- ❖ Stay away from traffic
- ❖ Be alert at all times
- ❖ Do not work when weather is poor
- ❖ Do not touch potentially toxic substances
- ❖ Do not confront taggers

## **COORDINATION**

If you have any questions regarding the program, contact City Staff at (619) 397-6037, Monday through Thursday between 6:30 AM and 4:00 PM. City Staff will explain the details and answer any questions.

## **APPLICATION**

Buff-A-Block Program requires an application, which will be processed by City Staff. If your group would like to participate in the Buff-A-Block Program, simply fill out and sign the attached application and mail or email it. No application fee is required, but the applicant is required to accept several conditions, including a liability/waiver agreement.

Please allow two to three weeks for all necessary coordination.



City of Chula Vista and \_\_\_\_\_ recognizes the need and desirability of graffiti free neighborhoods and this application is being submitted and accepted to contribute toward this effort.

By signature individual agrees to the following terms and conditions:

1. Minor (under 18) participants must have adult supervision. One adult for every eight minors is required.
2. Graffiti clean up should be performed during the hours of no earlier than 8 am and no later than 5 pm. No graffiti clean up shall be performed under adverse weather conditions; (i.e. rain, wind, etc.)
3. Commitment to Buff-A-Block shall be for \_\_\_\_\_(3 months, 6 months, one year)
4. Participants agree to clean up graffiti as soon as possible.
5. Participants shall notify the Sr. Public Works Specialist at 619-397-6037, prior to conducting a clean up.
6. Participants shall agree to sign a liability/waiver release.
7. Group leaders are responsible for conducting safety briefings for all participants prior to each cleanup event.
8. Prior to entering private property, consult consent form list to see if consent form is on file.

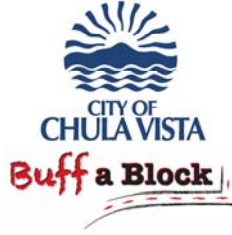
Address/location of area to clean up: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Responsible Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Individual or Group's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the completed forms to:  
Public Works Operations Department, 1800 Maxwell Road, Chula Vista, CA 91911 Fax: (619) 397-6259 or email to [nrodriguez@chulavistaca.gov](mailto:nrodriguez@chulavistaca.gov)



## PARTICIPANT'S WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

**ON BEHALF OF:** \_\_\_\_\_,

I expressly **WAIVE, RELEASE** and **DISCHARGE** the City of Chula Vista, its elected officials, officers, agents, and employees or any other person from any and all **LIABILITY** for any death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft or actions, including any alleged or actual negligent acts or omissions, regardless of whether such acts or omissions are active or passive, which may accrue to myself or my minor child in connection with the Buff-A-Block program.

I fully understand and acknowledge that the CITY OF CHULA VISTA is relying on my representation that I have authorization to sign this document. I will provide all members of my group a completed copy of this Waiver prior to our participation and have them sign individually a waiver.

We will expressly **DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS** the City of Chula Vista, its elected and appointed officers, agents and employees from any and all liabilities or claims made by me or my group, my /our heirs and any other individuals or entities as a result of any of my/our acts or omissions arising from or in connection with my/our participation in the event except for those claims arising from the sole negligence or sole willful conduct of the City, its officers, employee, volunteers or other representatives. Such indemnification includes liability settlements, judgments, damage awards, fines, costs and attorney fees and expenses associated with any such claims or lawsuits.

I hereby certify that I have read this document, and understand it's content.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GROUP NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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