



**City of Phoenix**  
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIVISION  
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION DIVISION  
GRAFFITI PROGRAM

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## Removing Graffiti from Street Signs

Summary of training and presentation, 21 May, 2008, by Skip Schatzabel, Traffic Maintenance Foreman III, Signing and Striping Shop, Street Transportation Dept.

1. Graffiti X may be used to remove graffiti from the face of Street Department Signs **but only** if they have had graffiti film applied to them.
  - a. Most "Stop" and "Yield" signs in the City Of Phoenix have been treated with graffiti film.
  - b. Signs from other authorities (county, other municipalities, etc.) have not been treated with film. Graffiti X will remove the ink from the sign. Look for the words "City Of Phoenix" printed on the face of the sign. If it's not marked as a City Of Phoenix sign, do not attempt removal (notify the appropriate municipality).
  - c. Other signs that have been identified as frequent targets for graffiti may have had film applied. Look for the **letters "GF" printed** in the margin of the sign.
2. Test a small area near the edge of the sign with a rag moistened with Graffiti X prior to applying the Graffiti X to the sign. Do not attempt removal if the rag picks up the color of the sign. Notify and refer the graffiti site to the Sign Shop (602.262.6449).
3. Use the minimum amount of Graffiti X necessary to achieve removal.
4. Do not use abrasive materials (scrub pads, grit, etc.) to remove graffiti from the face of signs.
5. Back sides of signs may be painted Cement Grey when chemical removal fails. Paint over should not be considered the primary removal method for the backs of street signs.
  - Attempt chemical removal first.
  - Cover the entire back of the sign, do not patch over the graffiti.
  - Prevent overspray or paint runs on the face of the sign.
  - **Do not cover any bar code labels that may be on the back of the sign.**

WHEN IN DOUBT, CONTACT THE SIGN SHOP (OR YOUR GRAFFITI BUSTERS FOREMAN):  
(602) 262-6449