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**New Free Graffiti Removal Program Foils Taggers**

On a typical day, new graffiti technician, Joaquin Flores, cleans up graffiti on 15 to 20 utility boxes, buildings, fences or walls in areas frequently tagged by gangs or bored kids intent on leaving their marks. The county put Flores to work in January 2015 as part of its new graffiti removal program to serve unincorporated parts of Adams County.

Norman Wright, director of Neighborhood Services, said attacking graffiti frequently and repeatedly is the key to chasing scofflaws out of the area. The county shares suspected gang graffiti with the Sheriff's Office so law enforcement can go after the perpetrators.

"It was important to bring the county's graffiti-fighting program in house, which on a cost-per-abatement basis has added up to a savings of 36 percent over the previous year," said Wright. "Already, Flores has removed nearly 350 tags—up 64 percent from 2014—when the county was using an outside vendor."

"We know that by addressing graffiti, we can create a better environment for residents," Wright said.

If you see graffiti in unincorporated Adams County, please feel free to call our graffiti hotline: 720.523.6565 or email: [graffiti@adcogov.org](mailto:graffiti@adcogov.org).

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