

# PAINT DAY PLANNER



By the morning of your Paint Day, you should have packed up your stencils, paint and supplies, powerwashed surfaces, if needed, and confirmed that the weather conditions are optimum for painting in accordance with the Applications Instructions and information on the paint cans. Copies of the Applications Instructions should be made beforehand as well.

Before painting should occur, the following should occur:

- Sweep or blow-off surfaces to be painted
- Roll-out stencils so they can uncurl and locate where they will be painted
- Organize painting teams according to our Volunteer Needs form
- Unfold and layout plastic sheeting or tarps to side of painting areas
- Designate a cleaning area to the side, and preferably off pavement
- Provide Application Instructions to teams
- Determine where empty cans and used spent supplies will be disposed in accordance with facility and local / federal laws.

While painting, be sure to follow these great tips:

1. #1 Tip! DO NOT "GLOP" ON PAINT! It is likely that more than one coat is necessary, and excessive paint on the roller or brush will have a smudged result. This is critical for letters, numbers, along edges and at intricate, small areas.
2. Pavement is porous and when you are painting, lines may not appear perfectly straight. Stand up and observe your progress - you will see amazing things!
3. Application instructions can vary - for some stencils, there can be more than one way to paint them. We have chosen the method on a number of reasons, but feel free to change it according to your paint team force and preference.
4. Use rollers for large areas and brushes and/ or narrow rollers for small areas.
5. Towel off excess paint between applications. Peel any dried paint that may have formed.
6. Unwanted paint splatters and drips should be cleaned immediately. Use a moist cloth and/ or scrub brush for small areas. Larger areas may need to be powerwashed off at a low setting if not too close to painted games.
7. Non-skid additives typically can be added to paint or onto surfaces.

After painting, remember to:

- Use cones and caution tape to section off painted games while paint cures, typically 24-48 hours before use.
- Dispose paint supplies and empty paint cans in accordance with facility and local / federal laws.
- Provide Game Ideas to those monitoring/ managing the playground.
- Give yourselves a pat on the back - job well done!