

Guidelines
for
Utility Box
Painting
in Ocean Beach



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Artists from the Ocean Beach/Point Loma community are invited to submit which box they would like to paint and shall adhere to the following guidelines.

OBMA will buy the water based primer and sealant and reimburse up to \$150 for supplies when the receipts are turned in to the OBMA Office staff.

Art must be family friendly, community oriented, non controversial, and non commercial.

Artist guidelines:

1. Choose the available box location that you would like to paint and notify the OBMA Design Committee at 619-224-4906.
2. Present a brief resume or short biography telling us a little about you as an artist, which could be used in our newsletter and on our website.

Technical info:

1. The boxes must be cleaned and painted with the provided primer prior to painting.
2. Artists must use water-based metal sign paints: We recommend Aqua-Cote water-based paint (available from McLogan's Supply Co.) (Do not use oil based paints as the primer we provide is for water based paint).

3. Boxes must be sealed with the provided satin polyurethane, anti-graffiti sealant about two days after artists have finished painting.

Following is the process for painting the boxes:

1. The OBMA Design Committee will contact the property owner to let them know we are painting the box in front of their property. If they have questions they can contact OBMA office at 619 224-4906.
2. Clean and prime the selected box (see below).

Prepping and priming boxes:

1. Wash with liquid detergent and water. While wet, use plastic scrapers to remove dirt, loose paint, rust, and any stickers that are NOT official utility labels. *Please do not remove or paint over the official utility box labels.*
2. When dry, sand lightly with sandpaper. Wipe down with a dry cloth.
3. Apply one fresh coat of primer. Use the provided water based primer.
4. Artists are advised to use metal sign paints: Aqua-Cote water-based paints from McLogan's Supply Co. Note: all of the artists in Point Loma have used water-based paint. McLogan's is located at:

7879 B Armour St.
San Diego, CA 92111
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Sealing the painted boxes:

Seal with the provided satin anti-graffiti polyurethane sealant about two days after painting is complete.