

National Painting Week



What is National Painting Week?

Each summer Keep Ohio Beautiful (KOB) celebrates National Painting Week, a KOB hands-on beautification program held in partnership with Sherwin-Williams. The program provides community groups with paint and painting supplies to transform an unattractive community structure into something beautiful. Participants are selected based on the visibility of their project and their ability to secure local volunteers and community partners for support. Participants are required to report on their project's success, including before and after photos.



Local affiliates receive Sherwin-Williams paint and supplies.

Why does Keep Ohio Beautiful (KOB) participate in National Painting Week?

Blighted and unattractive environments are associated with a diminished quality of life. Activities such as painting, vacant lot reclamation and greening counteract this and can increase adjacent property values by 30 percent. National Painting Week Ohio is held each summer as part of Great American Cleanup activities in Ohio. Participants in National Painting Week will target an exterior project such as downtown buildings, schools or other community buildings that need a fresh coat of paint. During the event, volunteers will use exterior latex paint, painting supplies and elbow grease to transform community blemishes into renewed, attractive buildings. The paint and painting supplies that are donated by Sherwin-Williams are used by local community groups to improve their communities, socially, economically and environmentally.



Volunteers paint an historic building for the Summit County Historical Society.

What are the Goals of KOB's Beautification Project?

- At Keep Ohio Beautiful, we believe in that single seed ... that single, purposeful decision to do things differently and more responsibly. As one of Ohio's leading nonprofits that builds and sustains vibrant communities, we engage thousands of volunteers who take many small actions that can bring about a world of change.
- Positive change can start and flourish in one neighborhood ... on one block ... or simply through individual actions. It's our mission to engage individuals to take greater responsibility of their community's environment.

Keep Ohio Beautiful National Painting Week History

2014 – Four Keep Ohio Beautiful Affiliates received Sherwin-Williams painting grants

2015 – Nine Keep Ohio Beautiful affiliates received Sherwin-Williams painting grants

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