

Murals In Olympia

Olympia is home to a diversity of murals. Below are just some of the murals you can find in Olympia.



Have Questions?

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Murals 101



1 Location - Location - Location

Murals must be on private property, and you must have permission from the owner. If you don't know who owns the building, you can find out by contacting either...

- Olympia Community Planning and Development at 360.753.8314
- Thurston County Geodata online at www.geodata.org



There can be words on your mural, however it can NOT be a commercial message.

2 Is It a Mural or a Sign?

Make sure you are doing a mural and NOT a sign. Signs are covered by municipal code where murals are not. What's the difference?

- Murals cannot contain a commercial message
- Signs contain the name of a business or organizations
- All signs must conform to Olympia municipal sign code 18.42 read online at olympiawa.gov/omc

3 Things to Know and Do BEFORE You Start

- Share your design with the building owner, ensure you both agree on your design
- There are no restrictions on size: your mural can be large, small and any shape
- Consider drawing up a contract with the business owner; sample contacts are readily available online
- Know who is going to prep the location and who will pay for supplies
- Have a discussion about potential upkeep
- Remember, sometimes things come up— know what happens if...
 - You fall off the ladder
 - You don't finish the mural
 - The mural is defaced or starts to wear
 - The property owners sell

4 Prep for Painting

- Think about how to get your design on the wall, by using a grid system or free hand
- Be thorough when prepping, wash the walls, scrape off loose paint, consider applying under-coat
- Research which materials will work best with the wall you're painting on
- Keep it clean, keep tarps or ground-cloths ready in case of drips or spills

Low Cost and Recycled Equipment

- Too Good to Toss at www.2good2toss.com
- Habitat for Humanity Re-Store at www.spshabitat.org

FREE Equipment

- FreeCycle at www.freecycle.org

Loan Equipment

- Street Bank at www.streetbank.com

Contracts—Washington Lawyers for the Arts

- www.thewla.org

Funding Resources

Community Sustaining Fund of Thurston County

- www.oly-wa.us/csf

City of Olympia Neighborhood Matching Grant Program

- olympiawa.gov/neighborhoods