

# American University Outdoor Chalking Guidelines – 2016

At American University, student organizations and campus programs are free to chalk on outdoor surfaces according to the guidelines listed below. These guidelines are created to accommodate the free exchange of ideas and the promotion of campus programs or events while balancing the needs of the campus to care for the facilities and grounds throughout the academic year.

## Content

The content of all chalking should be consistent with the Student Code of Conduct and the Freedom of Expression and Dissent Guidelines, as found in the listing of university policies at <http://www.american.edu/policies/>

## Materials

Hand-held blackboard or sidewalk chalk is the only material approved for chalking. **Permission to use any other material for these purposes must be pre-approved in writing by Facilities Management.** Other material used without this permission could result in reimbursement charges to the host group, department, or individual responsible for the chalking.

## Permissions

Permission to chalk on approved surfaces is not needed. **Permission from Facilities Management is needed to use materials other than hand-held blackboard or sidewalk chalk.**

## Locations

Chalking **may** be applied to asphalt and concrete roadways, sidewalks, and pathways on AU property.

Chalking may **not** be applied to:

- stairs or stairwells
- landings above ground level
- raised walkways (including the side patios of MGC)
- building walls, windows, doors, pillars, or roofs
- benches
- slate surfaces
- plants or trees
- campus sculptures, artwork, or memorials

## Removal

Generally, sidewalk chalk will be left to the natural elements for removal. However, AU reserves the right, at its own discretion, to remove any chalking at any time should it violate these guidelines. Depending on the circumstances, student organizations may be charged for the removal.