

# Southwinds Church

## City Benches Restoration Project

### SWC Provides each team with a Benches Project Bin that contains:

- Paint
- Stir stick and paint can opener
- Paint Brushes/ Paint Pads on a stick
- Rubber painting gloves
- Drop cloth
- Paper Rags
- Painter's Tape
- Sanding blocks (60 grit and 100 grit)
- Wire brushes, putty knife, and paint scrapers
- Garbage Bag
- Whiskbroom
- "Wet Paint" signs
- Paint Cups

### Bench Team should bring:

- Painting clothes
- Battery powered sanders (belt sanders preferred) with 60-80 and 100-120 grit sandpaper (if you have one) / Battery powered blowers (if you have one)
- A hammer or mallet to put paint lids back on.
- Work gloves and safety glasses for eye protection
- Wagon (if you have one)
- Brooms/ dustpans
- Water for drinking and small cleaning jobs

## GETTING STARTED

Your Project begins on Sundays after your service at the EVENTS Gazebo in the courtyard outside the Worship Center

### Prep – tasks:

- Pick-up your SWC Bench Project Bin of tools and supplies
- Receive your Bench assignment(s) and location(s)

- Wear your SWC Service t-shirts, work gloves, and eye protection to the Bench site
- Park near the bench work site in a public parking spot in a nearby neighborhood or shopping center (Please do not park in no-parking zones especially on busy streets)
- Take all needed supplies and tools to the target bench (use a wagon if you have one)

**When you arrive at your bench:** (Note the time you start the bench project)

- **Safety first:** Look around the area for any safety concerns. Be very aware of the traffic near you (Many of these benches are on busy city streets). If you have children with you keep them behind the bench and away from the street as much as possible.
- **Take a “before” picture with your group and the bench**
- Check the condition of the bench for any damage that has not been previously noted and text Pastor Chris Martinez at: 1 (760) 685-5152
- Lay out the drop cloths under the bench covering as much sidewalk as possible.

## **Clean:**

- Clean the bench and metal supports of all: loose dirt, leaves, spider webs, etc.
- Use wire brush and scrapers to scrape off as much worn wood, old paint, and stuck-on dirt as possible.
- Use the putty knife to clean out the dirt, leaves, spider webs, etc. between the bench slats.
- Use the paper rags and a little water to clean the metal supports (try not to get the wood wet).

## **Sand:**

- Sand all seating surfaces, edges, and back of bench. Use 60-80 grit sandpaper first, then the 100-120 grit.
- Sand between the boards using strips of sandpaper (60 grit then 100 grit) like floss.
- The wood surfaces do not need to be perfectly smooth and there is no need to fill deeper scars with wood putty.

## **Paint: (Green Water-Based Stain)**

- Keep all paint supplies on the drop cloth.
- Be careful not to step in wet paint and track it onto the sidewalk.
- If small drops of paint get on the sidewalk, please clean them up ASAP with some water and a rag.

- If there is a large paint spill on the sidewalk immediately call Pastor Chris at: 1 (760) 685-5152 and an environmental clean-up crew will be sent out to your site. Please do not try to clean-up the spill yourself.
- Tape off the metal supports on the back of bench that are in contact with the wood.
- Paint all wooden seating surfaces, back rest, edges, back of bench, and, using the paint pads on a stick, paint as much of the areas between the slats as possible. (You do not need to paint the underside of the bench)
- Apply **2 coats** of paint as evenly as possible and cover all exposed wood.

## Clean-Up:

- Carefully pick up the drop cloth and shake any debris into the garbage bag.
- Collect all used tape, used rubber gloves, booties, used paint brushes/pads, the bulk of the ground dirt, leaves, etc. and put everything into the garbage bag.
- Sweep or blow all remaining dust and leaves into the landscape behind the bench (Please do not sweep or blow anything into the street)
- Put the drop cloth, all SWC project tools and unused supplies back into the Benches Project Bin. (The Bin will be restocked and ready for the round of bench restorations.)
- Make sure everything around the bench is picked up and the area is clean before you leave.

## FINISHING UP: (Note the time you finish and the amount of time each bench project took)

- **Take an “after” picture of your team around the newly refurbished bench.** (If you chose to post the picture on social media please include the hashtag: #southwindsservices)
- Display the “WET PAINT” sign.
- Please chose someone in your group take the garbage bag home and put it out with their weekly garbage.
- Please chose someone to return the Benches Project Bin to SWC at the next Sunday Service or the SWC Office during work hours (M-F).

**Report the completed bench restoration to Pastor Chris in-person or at:**

[cmartinez@southwinds.org](mailto:cmartinez@southwinds.org)

**Record your City Bench Restoration Project hours of service at:**

[southwinds.org/southwindsserves](https://southwinds.org/southwindsserves)

**Please coordinate with Pastor Chris to take on any future Bench Restorations. The City of Tracy has plenty of benches in need.**

## **Show us your work!**

Have someone from your group take before AND after pics of your bench. Feel free to get creative and include your group in the shots. You can also send us a video... just keep it under 30 seconds.

Please send any pics or videos to Pastor David at [dpiedt@southwinds.org](mailto:dpiedt@southwinds.org)

**Thank You for Your Service**