

Graffiti is the most common type of property vandalism



METHODS OF REMOVAL

There are several different graffiti removal techniques. Each surface requires or responds to a particular method better and choosing the correct one will save the property owner money and time.

Power washing- works well on porous surfaces. Can be used alone or with a cleaning solvent. This method is effective on wood, unstained fences.

Paint-out- graffiti on painted surfaces can be painted over. Some surfaces may require a primer. Avoid a "patchwork" of different colors which can invite more graffiti.

Chemical Removers- There are several graffiti removal products. Avoid products that contain toxic ingredients.

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCE:
Goodbye Graffiti 503-231-1414

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Graffiti Abatement



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STUDIES SHOW THAT GRAFFITI REMOVAL WITHIN 24 TO 48 HOURS RESULTS IN A NEARLY ZERO RATE OF REOCCURRENCE.

Gangs are responsible for less than 10% of graffiti.



GRAFFITI HURTS COMMUNITIES

How is a community really hurt by graffiti?

- Graffiti sends the signal that nobody cares, attracting other forms of crime and street delinquency to the neighborhood.
- Graffiti decreases a resident's feeling of safety.
- Neighborhoods with graffiti see a decrease in property values, loss of business growth and tourism.
- Graffiti drains tax dollars that could be spent on other community needs.

GRAFFITI PREVENTION

How can I prevent graffiti?

- Keep your property clean and neat.
- Promptly remove graffiti. Removal within 24 to 48 hours significantly reduces the chance of reoccurrence.
- Step up security- add or improve lighting. Install a security camera.
- Work with neighbors- organize a neighborhood graffiti clean-up.

Nationwide, the American public spends nearly \$12 billion each year to fight graffiti.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you see graffiti "in progress" call 9-1-1 immediately.

To report existing graffiti:

Take a picture, document the date and location of the graffiti, and a description including the color and type of surface (wood fence, concrete, etc.). Then make a report and provide details to the appropriate agency:

Private Property in city- VPD	487-7355
Private Property in county- CCSO	397-2211
State Highways- WSDOT	759-1300
Electrical Boxes-Clark PUD	992-3000
Bus Stops- C-TRAN	695-0123