

GraffitiLine

GRAFFITI PREVENTION AND REMOVAL INFORMATION

Graffiti is an offence, report graffiti to the **GraffitiLine 4227 7816** or **graffiti@wollongong.nsw.gov.au** and the **Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131444**.

Wollongong City Council in partnership with the Department of Corrective Services offers a complimentary 'Paint Over Service' for the removal of graffiti from private commercial and residential property. For more information contact the GraffitiLine or visit www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/community/graffiti.asp

To Remove Graffiti Yourself

When using removal products:

- follow the manufacturer's directions and safety precautions
- test on a small area first
- it can be worth trying regular household cleaning products first - start with dishwashing detergent or laundry liquid, followed by eucalyptus oil or mineral turpentine
- products for removal and advice on their use are available from most local hardware or paint stores
- be certain to acknowledge that some products are toxic and will require safety precautions.

SOME IDEAS TO HELP PREVENT GRAFFITI ON YOUR PROPERTY

Landscaping

Large walls that are very accessible are an easy target for graffiti - reducing access to these spaces is a great preventative measure.

Landscaping the area in front of a wall may be the most appropriate means of doing this, landscaping in front of a wall also reduces the visual impact of any graffiti that may occur in the space.

Improved lighting

Improving lighting is another good way to protect your property from graffiti as it increases the risk of the offender being detected.

Poorly lit areas are more prone to criminal activity. Sensor lights or bright lights can deter this vandalism. Improving the lighting is also a cost-effective investment for your property.

Appropriate fencing or grilles

Avoiding high fences is a further deterrent for offenders and doesn't provide them with a hiding place.

Minimizing bare brick fences reduces the attraction for offenders to vandalize your property with graffiti e.g. by planting trees, shrubs or vines.

Protective coatings are available to make graffiti removal easier.

Dark grilles allow you to see outside without any obstructions, whereas a light coloured grille is more difficult to see through.

Remember

Rapid removal deprives illegal graffiti artists of the satisfaction of peer recognition, while reinforcing that an area is monitored and maintained.

If you would like to become involved in Community Based Initiatives relating to Graffiti Prevention please call the GraffitiLine on 4227 7816.