

# GraffitiLine

## GRAFFITI PREVENTION AND REMOVAL INFORMATION

Graffiti is an offence. Report graffiti on **4227 7111** or visit [www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au) - click on 'customer service', then 'report it' and 'graffiti'. You should also report graffiti to the Police Assistance Line (PAL) on **131 444**. Wollongong City Council has a number of key partners that assist with the removal of graffiti from private, commercial and residential properties.

To access this service call **4227 7111**.

### 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.

## 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 vandalism. Improving 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.

Minimising bare brick fences (eg. by planting trees, shrubs or vines.) reduces the attraction for offenders to vandalise your property with graffiti.

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 of illegal graffiti is crucial and reinforces that an area is monitored and maintained.

If you would like to become involved in Community Initiatives relating to Graffiti Prevention please call **4227 7111**.