

# Graffiti is a Problem. You Can Help.

Graffiti is an act of vandalism that should be taken seriously. It can lower property values, drive away business, and make communities feel less safe.

Taking prompt action to report and remove graffiti is the best way to prevent it from recurring.

## Removing Graffiti on Private Property.

The City of Seattle Graffiti Nuisance Ordinance requires property owners to remove graffiti found on their property within 10 calendar days. If graffiti is gang or hate related it must be removed within 48 hours (Seattle Municipal Code 10.07.010 et seq.). Failure to remove graffiti within the above time period can lead to fines and legal action against the property owner.

We recognize that finding and removing graffiti on your private property is frustrating. However, outcomes can be worse if graffiti is not removed. The sooner the graffiti is removed, the less likely your property will be vandalized again.

## Reporting Graffiti

You can help keep Seattle clean and welcoming by reporting graffiti using one of the following:

**City of Seattle Graffiti Hotline**  
(206) 684-7587

**Online**  
[www.seattle.gov/utilities/environment-and-conservation/our-city/graffiti-removal/report-graffiti](http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/environment-and-conservation/our-city/graffiti-removal/report-graffiti)

**Police Report**  
(206) 625-5011 or  
[www.seattle.gov/police/need-help/graffiti](http://www.seattle.gov/police/need-help/graffiti)  
**If you see graffiti in progress, call 911.**

**Find It, Fix It App**  
[www.seattle.gov/finditfixitapp](http://www.seattle.gov/finditfixitapp)



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with your phone  
to get our app!



**For interpretation services please call (206) 684-7587**

如需要口譯服務，請撥電話號碼 (206) 684-7587

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Para servicios de interpretación por favor llame al (206) 684-7587

Para sa serbisyo ng tagapagpaliwanag, tumawag sa (206) 684-7587

Về dịch vụ phiên dịch xin gọi (206) 684-7587



## Graffiti Prevention and Removal



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# Graffiti on Public Property

Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Department of Transportation, and Seattle Parks are committed to keeping our city clean by removing graffiti from public property like sidewalks, bridges, street signs, hydrants, retaining walls, and more.

You can help keep Seattle clean by reporting graffiti on public property. (See the back of brochure for ways to report.)

## Volunteer

Volunteer to help clean up graffiti in your neighborhood. Learn more by contacting: [adoptastreet@seattle.gov](mailto:adoptastreet@seattle.gov) or (206) 684-7647



## Tips for Removing Graffiti

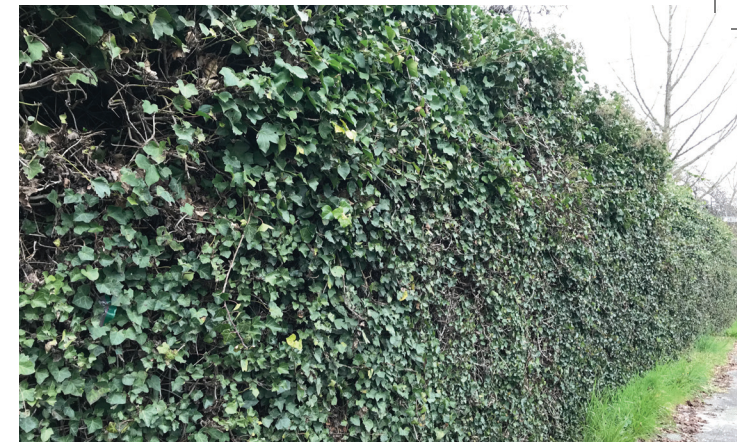
Leaving graffiti instead of cleaning it up can attract more acts of vandalism. Immediate removal denies the offender the satisfaction of seeing their unwanted message.

**Here are a few ways to clean up graffiti on your property:**

- Paint it over
- Remove with hardware store products
- Pressure washing

### Cleaning up after a paint-out

If you choose to paint over graffiti, remember to never pour unused paint or paint-contaminated water down a stormdrain or onto the ground where it can pollute our waterways.



## Prevention Tips

You can avoid having to remove graffiti by preventing it from happening in the first place.

**Here are some tips for preventing graffiti on your property:**

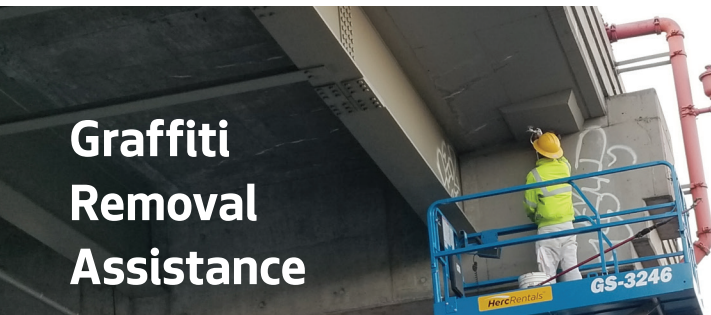
- Plant vegetation to make barrier
- Install a fence to restrict access
- Improve lighting
- Limit access to roofs by moving climbable objects and equipment away from walls.
- Add surveillance signage or cameras
- Use graffiti resistant materials or coatings
- Paint a mural

## Graffiti Removal Assistance

If you are a senior citizen or a property owner whose property has been repeatedly vandalized with graffiti, Seattle Public Utilities has volunteer cleanup crews who may be of assistance in your graffiti removal efforts.

**To learn more and sign a waiver granting crews permission to paint out graffiti on your property, go to:**

[www.seattle.gov/utilities/environment-and-conservation/our-city/graffiti-removal/graffiti-removal-help](http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/environment-and-conservation/our-city/graffiti-removal/graffiti-removal-help)



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