

The following methods may help remove graffiti from your property



Painted wood and metal:

Power wash, paint over, or



use a graffiti product of your choice



Unpainted wood:

Gently sandpaper or paint over graffiti



Painted concrete:

Power wash or

paint over graffiti



Unpainted concrete, brick or stucco:

Power wash or paint over graffiti



Glass or plastic:

Power wash pen/paint, or use a

removal product and scraper to remove stickers



ADDITIONAL GRAFFITI RESOURCES

Keep Prince William Beautiful:
www.keepprincewilliambeautiful.org

Keep America Beautiful:
www.kab.org

National Gang Crime Research Center:
www.ngcrc.com

National Youth Gang Center:
www.iir.com/nygc

National Crime Prevention Council:
www.ncpc.org

Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task force:
www.preventgangsnova.org



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Graffiti?



**Report it and Remove it
Immediately!**



GRAFFITI IS A CRIME

Graffiti in a community has negative effects:

- ◆ It is vandalism
- ◆ It lowers property values
- ◆ It may invite other illegal activity
- ◆ It is offensive, unsightly & destructive
- ◆ It can lead to community blight
- ◆ It is often used by vandals to gain recognition
- ◆ It often instills fear



Graffiti is a crime that hurts property owners and the entire community

RESPOND QUICKLY

Your immediate response to graffiti on your property should be to remove it promptly:

- ◆ Removal within 24 – 48 hours may prevent future vandalism
- ◆ Quick action discourages vandals from further targeting your neighborhood
- ◆ Quick removal helps restore the beauty of your neighborhood
- ◆ Local power-washing service companies often offer discounts for graffiti removal



If not removed quickly, graffiti can spread through a community

PREVENTION

These steps may help prevent graffiti in your area:

- ◆ Install exterior lighting or motion detection lights
- ◆ Select textured or paint resistant surfaces
- ◆ Contact PWC Crime Prevention (703-792-7270) for information on starting a Neighborhood Watch
- ◆ Report suspicious activity in your neighborhood
- ◆ Add plants and landscaping to act as a natural barrier for graffiti vandals



Become aware of changes in your neighborhood