

Graffiti REMOVAL

Information Sheet 2

Rapid removal

- The presence of graffiti gives the impression that property owners do not care about their property.
- The presence of graffiti attracts more graffiti.
- Remove graffiti as soon as possible as newly marked graffiti will be easier to remove.
- Ongoing rapid removal of graffiti, within 24-48 hours, will decrease the likelihood of offenders vandalising your property in the future.

Reporting

- Before removing graffiti, report graffiti vandalism to your local Tasmania Police station.
- Report suspicious activity or other information concerning graffiti offenders to Tasmania Police or Crime Stoppers.
- When graffiti has been marked on council or government property, make a report to them for removal.

Removal options

There are various ways to remove graffiti from your property. It is recommended that you perform a test on a small surface area before attempting to remove a larger piece of graffiti. The Crime Prevention & Community Safety Council does not endorse any particular removal method.

Some options include:

- water and a scrubbing brush
- household cleaning products such as detergent or mineral turpentine
- paint
- graffiti removal substances (chemical or non chemical) from a paint manufacturer or hardware store
- sand or water blasters
- hiring a cleaning contractor.

Preventative measures

- Once graffiti has been removed, consider applying anti-graffiti coating to your property.
- Refer to Graffiti Prevention: Information Sheet 1 for further information.

Graffiti in your community

- Encourage other property owners to remove graffiti from their property by explaining to them the rationale of rapid removal.
- If graffiti is a problem in your community, consider forming a graffiti taskforce to develop a graffiti management strategy, including graffiti removal (refer to Graffiti Management Strategies: Information Sheet 3 for further information).

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