



Action on graffiti

Waverley Council's proactive graffiti team of two removed 1,272 incidents of graffiti last year, equivalent to 15,192 square metres.

The team uses a purpose-built truck that operates on natural gas. Their environmentally safe methods remove graffiti from high profile primary areas and identified private property hot spots. Offensive graffiti is removed within 24-48 hours.

While Council is committed to removing graffiti, it is not possible to remove it all.

This brochure focuses on ways of deterring graffiti on your property.

You can also contact our Graffiti Team to receive a quote for the 'at cost' removal service.

Our local Police are working with retailers to restrict access to spray-paint, and enforce the law that it is an offence to sell spray-paint to anyone under 18. You can help by securing paint in your home, garage and shed.



Graffiti taggers want their signature to be seen. Make your home less attractive:

- 1 Cover walls; use plants, colour and texture
- 2 Increase visibility; add lights, trim plants
- 3 Remove it quickly; this will make it easier to clean and discourage more tags.

RUSSIAN

Люди, наносящие на стены граффити, хотят, чтобы их надписи увидели.

Сделайте ваш дом менее привлекательным:

- 1 Прикройте стены; используйте растения, краски и текстуры,
- 2 Повысьте видимость; добавьте освещение, обрежьте растения
- 3 Быстро удаляйте его; это облегчит чистку и понизит вероятность появления новых надписей.

SIMPLIFIED CHINESE

塗鴉者希望大家能看到他們的簽名。

別讓自己住家成為他們的目標：

- 1 掩蓋外牆：利用植物、色彩和材料
- 2 增加能見度：增加燈光、修剪植物
- 3 迅速移除塗鴉：一來較容易清洗，二來杜絕其他塗鴉者。

ITALIAN

I graffitari vogliono che la loro firma sia ben visibile.

Rendete meno attraente la vostra casa:

- 1 Coprite i muri; usate piante, colori e decorazioni,
- 2 Aumentate la visibilità; aggiungete luci, potate le piante
- 3 Toglietela velocemente; sarà più facile da pulire e scoraggerà altri graffiti.

GREEK

Αυτοί που γράφουν τα γκραφίτι θέλουν να φαίνεται η υπογραφή τους.

Κάντε το σπίτι σας λιγότερο ελκυστικό για γκραφίτι:

- 1 Καλύψτε τους τοίχους: χρησιμοποιήστε φυτά, χρώματα και επιφάνειες με διαφορετική υφή
- 2 Αυξήστε την ορατότητα: προσθέστε φώτα, κλαδέψτε τα φυτά
- 3 Αφαιρέστε το γρήγορα: αυτό θα σας διευκολύνει στον καθαρισμό και θα αποθαρρύνει περισσότερο γκραφίτι.

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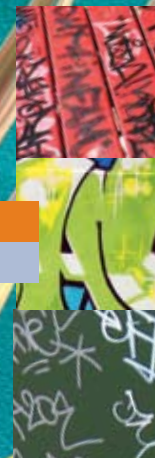
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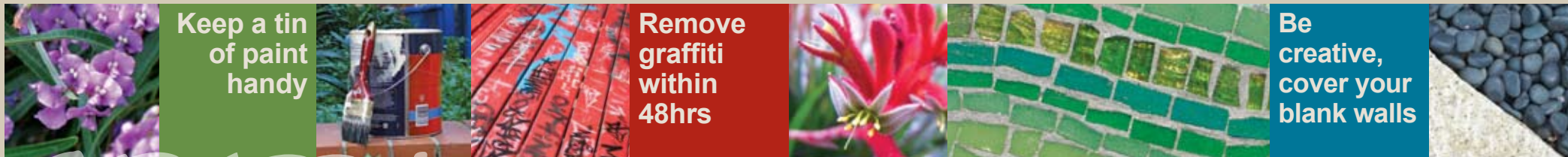
Protecting
your property from

Graffiti

Graffiti taggers want their signature to be seen, so the best way to prevent graffiti is to remove it quickly.

Inside you will find some practical ideas to protect your property.





GRAFFITI PREVENTION

Cover walls

Open blank walls are attractive canvases for taggers. Be creative and minimise graffiti opportunities.

TEXTURE: Rough, irregular surfaces make tagging more difficult.

TIP: Pool style fencing, latticework, steel mesh

COLOUR: Paint your walls in darker colours. This makes it easier to paint out graffiti, and taggers have fewer colour options and need more paint.

PLANTS: Cover vulnerable walls with climbers or bushy vegetation.

TIP: Avoid using Ficus, Pumila and Bouganvillia plants that have aggressive root systems.

Shrubs <i>Tall, thin or bushy plants</i>	Climbing plants <i>Tendril climbers that will grow on lattice or wire*</i>
Port Jackson Pine	Hardenbergia
Bottlebrush	Climbing Guinea flower
Lemon Scented Tea tree	Dusky Coral Pea
Small narrow conifer (eg, Juniperus, Skyrocket, Spartan)	Wonga Wonga Vine
	Kangaroo Vine

* for a more comprehensive list of plants, visit Council's website

Increase visibility

Being seen increases the risk of being caught.

LIGHTING: Bright lighting can deter taggers. Complete darkness means they can't see their writing.

TIP: Consider sensor lighting and trimming trees

CASUAL SURVEILLANCE: Make use of lines of sight from populated areas such as roads and balconies, or through landscaping.

TIP: Maximise sight lines with shrubbery lower than 60cm, and trees with crowns higher than 1.8m

BOUNDARIES: Create clear boundaries between your property and public property.

TIP: Consider shrubs and fences. Gravel or pebbles make a noisy boundary that taggers may avoid.

Rapid removal

Removal before the paint is dry makes cleaning easier and stops the tagger getting recognition.

PAINTING OUT: Use standard paint colours on your walls so it is easier and cheaper to paint out graffiti. Test an area first, you may need to seal the wall to stop the graffiti bleeding through.

TIP: Keep a tin of paint handy

CLEANING AND REMOVING: How to clean off graffiti will depend upon the surface and type of marker used. Contact your local hardware store for suitable cleaning products. Pressure washing may also be an option.

Mural guidelines

Murals can be an engaging option for covering vulnerable blank walls.

Waverley Council's Mural Guidelines provide helpful tips for community groups, businesses or residents to develop street art that respects the look and feel of the local area. For further information visit Council's website.

When planning a mural, consider:

- the history of the site
- the current use of the area
- the people who visit the area
- the buildings, plants and structures
- the opportunity to create street art that enriches the streetscape.

Civic Pride

Get active and get together! Waverley Council's Civic Pride program celebrates safe and welcoming neighbourhoods by helping residents build communities.

If you want to strengthen your neighbourhood there are many ways to get involved: adopt a tree or plant a footpath garden to make your area cleaner and greener; meet your neighbours and keep your place free of graffiti to show potential taggers that you are a community that takes pride in your place.

Contact our Civic Pride Coordinator on **9386 7925** or visit www.waverley.nsw.gov.au.