

GRAFFITI prevention

Graffiti vandals or taggers prefer surfaces that are continuous, smooth, light in colour, easily accessible and highly visible. The following measures will help prevent graffiti and are more effective if used in combination.

Vegetation

Shrubs and bushy plants or climbers such as ivy or vines near buildings, walls and fences help restrict access to visible surfaces. Trim trees and shrubs nearby to improve visibility.

Lighting

A well-lit area may deter graffiti vandalism, as well as other types of property crime. Sensor lighting is best.

Paints and coatings

Graffiti vandals usually target light-coloured surfaces so using a dark-coloured paint can reduce the chances of being targeted. A darker colour is also easier to paint over. Some paints or coatings allow a surface to be cleaned easily.

Surfaces

Add texture, because graffiti vandals prefer smooth surfaces. This can be done by adding trellis, wire mesh, or a rough textured finish. Tiled or 'mosaic' surfaces are also effective. Note that texture should always be applied in combination with other prevention measures as it can be difficult to remove graffiti from textured surfaces.

Keep up appearances

Keep your property clean and tidy – graffiti vandals like easy targets so send them the message that you don't tolerate neglect and vandalism. If the taggers keep returning, keep on top of the problem by removing the vandalism every time it appears – your persistence will pay off.



GRAFFITI removal

If graffiti appears on your property

Removal advice

Once a property has been targeted by graffiti vandals, the most effective prevention strategy is rapid removal. You should ideally remove or paint over the graffiti within 24 hours.

Wellington City Council provides free graffiti removal kits at local service centres and some libraries. To find the one nearest you, call 499 4444 or visit www.Wellington.govt.nz

Painting

Always have extra paint the same colour as your fences and other painted surfaces available. Paint over any vandalism immediately.



Other removal solutions

A range of graffiti removal solutions are available from most hardware and paint stores.



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