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report
graffiti
now!

Shoalhaven Council is committed to removing graffiti from our City and we need your help...

Council aims to remove all graffiti in public areas as quickly as possible and encourage businesses and residents to do the same.

Call the **NSW Graffiti Hotline**
1800 707 125

(Monday to Friday only)

or Council on 4429 3111

Graffiti is a crime. If you see suspicious activity, report it to police. If you have information about graffiti vandalism, phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000



Easy steps for reducing graffiti

Most graffiti occurs on exposed walls and fences

Restrict the available surface and create a barrier by:

- Planting vegetation against solid surfaces to make them less attractive canvases
- Using landscaping instead of fencing
- Limiting the amount of solid surface by using mesh or lattice
- Using highly-textured or uneven materials for solid surfaces

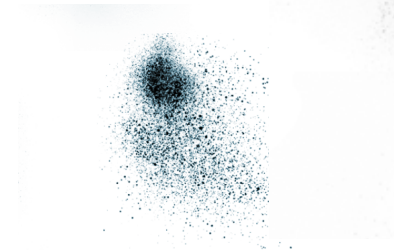
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join the call

Your contribution is appreciated and we would encourage you to continue to remove graffiti in a timely manner

If you require assistance with graffiti abatement or removal, please call Council on 4429 3111

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Abatement

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A guide for residents and business owners

lets remove graffiti together!

Shoalhaven City Council is serious about presenting our city in a positive manner to both visitors and residents, in particular by removing graffiti in a timely manner

Evidence shows that a key element to controlling graffiti is its quick removal. Graffiti vandals like to admire their tags and this action does not give them the satisfaction of seeing their mark.

Council is committed to a fast response time in the removal of graffiti on public property. This is seen as the best deterrent possible in the fight against this form of vandalism.

Much of the graffiti in our community is tagged on private property and owners are responsible for the removal of this graffiti.

To show leadership to the community in the area of managing graffiti removal, Council has made a deliberate decision to provide additional resources.

A Graffiti Removal Coordinator with vehicle and equipment has been employed to remove graffiti from Council assets on a daily basis.

Council intends to work with key stakeholders to tackle graffiti through positive strategies, such as prompt action to remove graffiti.

Simple planning and design strategies can help reduce the likelihood and incidence of graffiti

Taking action to remove graffiti from your property within 24 to 48 hours is most effective in managing graffiti.

Plan for easy graffiti repair

Choose surfaces that can be repainted or are easy to clean, such as tiles or polished masonry. Dark colours are less attractive to graffiti vandals. Keep any surplus paint when decorating in case you want to paint over graffiti in the future. Anti-graffiti coatings can also help to prevent absorption, making graffiti easier to remove. Apply coatings to a minimum height of three metres.

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Install lighting

Installation of vandal-resistant sensor lights may help to reduce graffiti. Make sure they are out of reach.

Consider a mural

Consider asking a community group or professional artist to apply a mural to your premises. Public art can beautify an area, draw attention to your business and help prevent graffiti.

Join Project Eyewatch

Project Eyewatch is based on the social networking site Facebook, enabling locals to exchange information with police about crime and report issues of concern, in real time.

Council is offering, FREE OF CHARGE, a graffiti trailer equipped with a pressure cleaner and materials for graffiti removal

- Council is offering the use of a pressure cleaner or
- Professional removal by:
 - Council staff (at a cost) or alternatively
 - Contractor (own arrangement)

If you choose to paint over graffiti, keep any unused paint and a brush handy in case you need to cover further tags.

The Council website, under the tab 'My Property' has advice and tips for graffiti removal and vandalism. Also visit www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au/cpd/protectcommunity/graffitivandalism/remove_graffiti.html

