

Property Owners and Bylaw 14600



The best way to stop graffiti from spreading is to remove it as soon as it appears. That's why **Community Standards Bylaw 14600** requires property owners to promptly remove graffiti from their property. Those who fail to remove graffiti, within a reasonable time, may be fined \$250.

If a property owner fails to comply, the City will remove the graffiti at the owner's expense. All associated costs of removal will be added to the property owner's taxes.

This brochure outlines options available to you to help prevent and remove graffiti from your building.

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Keeping your business or property graffiti-free has a positive effect on business sales, property value and neighbourhood safety.

The 3Rs to Wiping out Graffiti



Record

- Photograph the vandalized area and record when it occurred. The police and your insurance company will require this information.

Report

- Call 911 if you see graffiti in progress.
- Call police at **780-423-4567** if your own property has been vandalized.
- Call the City at **311** to report graffiti on public or private property that is not your own.

Remove

- Paint over the area.
- Hire a professional graffiti removal company.
- Contact the Graffiti Management Program (GMP) to enquire about participating in the program. Some program options are:
 - Funding assistance, to a maximum of \$500, to have a professional commercial cleaner remove the graffiti (available city-wide on a first-come first-serve basis).
 - Free Graffiti Clean Up Kits (Kits include paint supplies, paint coupon and graffiti removal wipes)
 - Sign up for or help organize a Graffiti Wipe Out event in your neighbourhood

Prevent Graffiti



Keep your property clean

Littered parking lots, broken fences, overgrown landscapes, poor lighting and established graffiti suggest neglect and are prime targets for graffiti vandals. Well-maintained properties help reduce graffiti and have a positive effect on the community.

Wipe out graffiti fast

By removing graffiti quickly, you send a message that you will not tolerate graffiti on your property – and that you are a partner in protecting your community's image and sense of security.

Enhance your building's security

Make it tougher for vandals to access your property. Better lighting, increased site surveillance and landscape changes help prevent access to possible graffiti sites.

Use Anti-Graffiti Coatings

Make use of commercial products that make cleaning easier. Protecting your walls now, could save time and expense later.