The following methods may help remove graffiti from your property



Painted wood and metal: Power wash, paint over, or



use a graffiti product of your choice



Unpainted
wood:
Gently
sandpaper or
paint over
graffiti





Painted concrete:
Power wash or



paint over graffiti



Unpainted concrete, brick or stucco:



Power wash or paint over graffiti



Glass or plastic: Power wash pen/paint, or use a



removal product and scraper to remove stickers

ADDITIONAL GRAFFITI RESOURCES

Keep Prince William Beautiful: www.keepprincewilliambeautiful.org

Keep America Beautiful: www.kab.org

National Gang Crime Research Center: www.ngcrc.com

National Youth Gang Center: www.iir.com/nygc

National Crime Prevention Council: www.ncpc.org

Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task force: www.preventgangsnova.org



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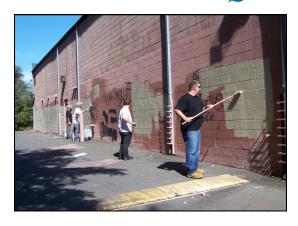
www.pwcgov.org/ neighborhoods







Report it and Remove it



GRAFFITI IS A CRIME

RESPOND QUICKLY

PREVENTION

Graffiti in a community has negative effects:

- It is vandalism
- It lowers property values
- It may invite other illegal activity
- It is offensive, unsightly & destructive
- It can lead to community blight
- It is often used by vandals to gain recognition
- It often instills fear



Graffiti is a crime that hurts property owners and the entire community

Your immediate response to graffiti on your property should be to remove it promptly:

- Removal within 24 48 hours may prevent future vandalism
- Quick action discourages vandals from further targeting your neighborhood
- Quick removal helps restore the beauty of your neighborhood
- Local power-washing service companies often offer discounts for graffiti removal



If not removed quickly, graffiti can spread through a community

These steps may help prevent graffiti in your area:

- Install exterior lighting or motion detection lights
- Select textured or paint resistant surfaces
- ◆ Contact PWC Crime Prevention (703-792-7270) for information on starting a Neighborhood Watch
- Report suspicious activity in your neighborhood
- Add plants and landscaping to act as a natural barrier for graffiti vandals



Become aware of changes in your neighborhood