

Resources

Additional Graffiti Removal/Prevention Tips

www.graffitihurts.org

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

www.MCSO.us

Keep America Beautiful

www.kab.org

Please contact City Hall if you have any questions or concerns. We are happy to assist you.

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The City of Wood Village strives to have a safe, clean, livable community with a sense of pride, quality housing and strong identity.



Help Keep our City Safe and Clean.
Report and remove all graffiti as soon as possible



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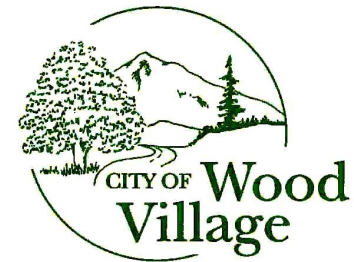
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Graffiti Abatement Brochure



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Graffiti Removal Information



“The owner or occupant of a property shall remove any graffiti from such property within ten (10) days of the graffiti’s appearance.”
Wood Village Municipal Code 8.20.040

Removal Overview

This brochure is an overview of common graffiti removal techniques. The City does not endorse any specific product or method. Always use proper safety equipment and follow the manufacturer’s directions when using power tools and chemicals.

- **Wood Surfaces:** Painted or treated wood can be pressure washed, lightly sanded and repainted/stained. Unfinished wood can be pressure washed, sanded or treated with mineral spirits.
- **Concrete Surfaces:** Pressure wash or treat with a chemical remover.
- **Vinyl Surfaces:** Lightly pressure wash and scrub. Use chemicals sparingly as they may react with the vinyl and cause additional damage.
- If all else fails, you can always paint or stain the damaged area.

Pressure Washing Tips

To remove most types of graffiti from concrete, you will want to have a pressure of 2000-3500 PSI. Use a pressure under 500 PSI for wood and masonry surfaces. Use a broad fan tip and spray in a side to side motion. Avoid using a narrow tip which can easily damage the surface you are cleaning. Always use the recommended safety equipment when working with power tools.

Chemical Overview

Different chemicals will work best on different surfaces. Check the product’s label to make sure you are using the recommended chemical for wood, cement, aluminum, etc. There are also many companies that specialize in graffiti removal products.

Always follow the directions for proper use, and it is a good idea to test the chemical on a small area first. It is also a good idea to try the least aggressive method first, before using a stronger chemical.

Always use the recommended safety equipment when working with chemicals.

Take care to prevent chemicals from being spilled on the ground and entering a storm drain.



Graffiti Prevention

One of the most effective ways to prevent graffiti is to keep your property neat and clean. Vandals do not commonly target properties that appear to be occupied and cared for. Rapid removal of graffiti is an effective prevention tool as well. Data shows that removal within 24 to 48 hours results in a nearly zero rate of recurrence. City code requires that graffiti be removed within ten (10) days.

Use clinging plants, such as ivy, on vulnerable walls. You can also plant bushes in front of walls or fences. This breaks up the writing space and makes it harder for people and paint to reach the wall or fence.

Anti-graffiti coatings can be applied to many surfaces to help aid in the prevention and removal of graffiti.

Please contact City Hall if you notice graffiti on street signs or other public property. We appreciate your calls and emails.

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