



Graffiti Management

The City of Hobart is committed to and responsible for maintaining a safe, clean and attractive urban environment that is inviting to residents, workers and visitors.

With local communities, businesses and individuals maintaining their own property graffiti can be further reduced.

With this in mind the following information is provided to assist residents and business owners minimise the impact of graffiti on their property and the community.

Prevention

You can greatly reduce the likelihood of graffiti on your property by:

- Planting creepers and other foliage on trellis along a wall.
- Painting walls in dark colours.
- Keeping your property well maintained.
- Making sure the site is well-lit at night.

An anti-graffiti coating on a wall may also make future removal easier by making it harder for paint to stick to a surface.

Murals and Street Art

Murals are an excellent graffiti prevention initiative. For advice on the steps required to create a mural, please contact the City of Hobart on **(03) 6238 2565**. For any safety concerns, call **(03) 6238 2746** or email **communitysafety@hobartcity.com.au**.

Removal

Graffiti should be removed as quickly as possible because:

- There is less time for paint to bleed into the surface, improving removal.
- It reduces the exposure for the graffitiist's work; and
- It discourages others to apply graffiti to the site.



For painted and protected surfaces, such as wood, metal or concrete that have a topcoat:

- Use a commercial remover e.g. 'muck off' or a citrus oil based product.
- Always test a small area to start with, gradually increase intensity.

For bare or raw surfaces, such as stone, concrete, brick and metal apply a commercial remover, wait five minutes then use a wire brush, rinsing with water to remove the graffiti residue

For glass, plastics, and other synthetics:

- Most graffiti removers will work well on glass or otherwise a blade scraper may be effective.
- Do not use caustic cleaners for glass or aluminium. Greater care needs to be taken with plastics and other synthetics.

Painting over Graffiti

- Clean the surface well to remove as much of the graffiti as possible.
- Aim for the closest colour match to the original paint or surface finish as possible.
- Paint the entire area in a darker colour to the nearest architectural break to deter a recurrence of graffiti.
- Always keep spare paint at hand so you can quickly remove new graffiti should it appear.

Please ensure that you follow all health and safety instructions as detailed on the product label or packaging

Who is responsible for removal?

On Council property

The City of Hobart is responsible for removing graffiti from infrastructure managed or owned by Council. This includes roads, footpaths, street furniture, sculptures, artworks, bridges and its buildings.

On public and private property

Private property owners / occupiers / managers are responsible for removing graffiti on their property.

The Council will remove graffiti on private and public property up to 1metre down a drive-way or lane-way where graffiti is present; if the graffiti was applied from public land such as a road reserve or from a public property boundary; or is highly visible from an arterial road; or the central business district. The City will remove offensive graffiti within 24 hours of being notified and 72 hours for all other graffiti.

The Council does not remove graffiti from sandstone or heritage listed buildings or areas higher than 2.4 metres above ground level. A specialist should be engaged for such removal.

Help keep our city clean. Report graffiti to the City of Hobart.

Free call hotline 1800 WIPEOFF (1800 947 363)

To complete our online graffiti removal report form go to
hobartcity.com.au/Environment/Graffiti

Placing graffiti on public property without permission is illegal.

If you see someone in the act report it immediately to:

**Police assistance on 131 444 or
Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000**