

# Graffiti in your Neighborhood? Report it. Remove it.



## Volunteer Opportunities Available

### REPORT GRAFFITI

While acting as a volunteer, your reports will help us track cases and support removal

### MAKE YOUR OWN SCHEDULE

Schedules are tailored to fit your needs and availability

### BRING A FRIEND

Groups of all ages are encouraged to apply

## How Prince William County Communities can Prevent and Remove Graffiti

If graffiti appears on your property, document it with a digital photo. Report the graffiti to the police and Neighborhood Services, include your photo when you report the incident.

Removing graffiti within 24-48 hours deters future graffiti crimes. There are several effective ways to remove graffiti including:

- Spray painting over the affected area
- Using removal products like Goof Off<sup>®</sup> & Mr. Clean Magic Eraser<sup>®</sup>
- Power washing affected area

If you use chemicals, follow manufacturer's instructions and wear proper protective equipment; Some removers may damage painted surfaces.

Consider the nature of the surface before determining the best removal technique. If you see graffiti on another's residence or business, report it to Neighborhood Services. Never abate graffiti without the clear and express permission of the property owner.

If a property owner does not remove graffiti within the allotted time given, Neighborhood Services may solicit the assistance of graffiti removal volunteers to help remove the graffiti. If graffiti appears on public property, utility boxes or road signs, report it to Neighborhood Services and we will work with the applicable agency to assist them with its removal.



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