



Town of Olds

Options for Removal

Paint it Out

If the graffiti is on a painted surface, sometimes it's easiest to paint over it. Remove as much of the graffiti as possible before painting. Some markers tend to bleed through new paint so use a sealer coat.

Choose a dark color to paint out graffiti, the marks are less likely to show through.

Solvents and Other Products

It is possible to remove graffiti from your own property with the help of specialist products. New and improved graffiti removal products regularly appear on the market.

Examples of Graffiti Removal Products:

- Krud Kutter Graffiti Remover
- Goof Off Pro Graffiti Remover
- Uline Degreaser
- 3M Citrus Base Cleaner

All these products may contain toxic substances, please take all precautions recommended by the manufacturer.

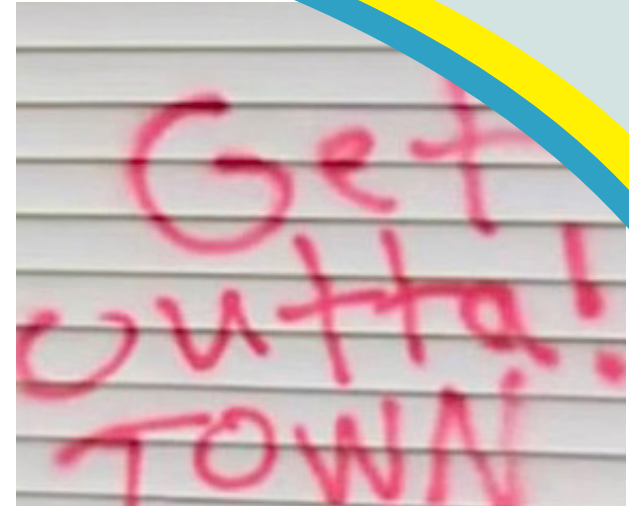
Mechanical Removal

If you want to remove extensive aerosol graffiti from an unpainted surface, it may be best to have it sanded or water blasted.

Did You Know?

Graffiti is not an art....
it is a CRIME!

The unauthorized application of graffiti to public or private property is a criminal act. Around the world graffiti defaces the urban landscape. The graffiti seen in our neighbourhoods isn't merely an eyesore. It is a signal to residents, business owners and police that the area will decay unless the problem is brought under control.



Graffiti

**Tips for Discouraging
Graffiti in our
Community**



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The Effects of Graffiti in our Community

By removing Graffiti quickly and consistently, we show the pride we have in our community and send a message that the community cares, and will not tolerate vandalism.



Strategies you can use to minimize graffiti on your property:

Graffiti markings suggest that a neighbourhood does not care, or cannot cope with the problem. In some instances graffiti can convey discriminatory and disrespectful sentiments.

Studies have shown that when graffiti markings are left unattended for as little as a week there is almost a 100% chance additional graffiti markings will be placed in the original site or in the nearby proximity.

If graffiti is allowed to remain, it becomes a highly visible sign that the neighbourhood is unconcerned about its appearance.

Report graffiti promptly!

Call Municipal Enforcement 403.507.4859
or use **Report A Problem** on the Town of Olds website
www.olds.ca

- **Remove graffiti promptly.** Fast action increases the chance for complete removal, as the marking may not have had the chance to completely adhere to the surface.
- Graffiti may reappear, quick removal each time will send a message that graffiti is not tolerated and the site is being watched.
- Help your neighbours to remove graffiti from their properties, particularly if they are less mobile.
- Encourage others on your street to take action against graffiti.
- Talk to your children about graffiti and respect for the community.
- Plant fast-growing shrubs and vines to make wall surfaces less accessible.



- Increase lighting and visibility in vulnerable areas.

Community Standards Bylaw 2015-08

3.4 No person shall place graffiti or cause it to be placed on any property.

3.5 No owner shall cause, allow or permit graffiti on their premises.

(a) All graffiti should be removed, painted over or otherwise permanently blocked from public view.

(b) Within 72 hours of becoming aware of graffiti, the property owner shall ensure all reasonable steps are taken to minimize the duration and visible impact of graffiti on their property.

**Report A Problem 24/7 on the
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