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## **GRAFFITI REMOVAL TECHNIQUES**



OVER THE YEARS THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS CLEANED ITS FAIR SHARE OF GRAFFITI. FOLLOW OUR TIPS FOR EASIER GRAFFITI REMOVAL AND BENEFIT FROM OUR EXPERIENCE:

BE FAST try to remove as soon as possible USE CITRUS CLEANERS they're *environmentally friendly* (mostly biodegradable); "natural orange extract" works well on graffiti

LET IT SOAK let the cleanser soak for at least 20 minutes if its new graffiti; if its old graffiti let soak for at least 1-2 hours

RINSE AND REPEAT it really helps

UNDER PRESSURE use a pressure washer; do not use on soft surfaces like cedar wood because it can cause damage

BRUSH IT OUT use a wire brush or paint

scraper to agitate the surface; be careful not to damage the surface; wire brushes works well on telephone poles, concrete, rough metals, rocks, and fences

PREVENT if your property is graffiti prone, use paint that is resistant to graffiti (solvent based polyurethane coating); this will make removal much easier

USE CAUTION if using solvents/chemicals to clean use protective eyewear and gloves; test small areas before cleaning to see how the surfact reacts to your cleaning solution ALTERNATIVES other cleaners that are effective include TSP, Savogram and Jasco; always read labelled directions and cautions before using any cleaning supplies