
How Does Graffiti Affect My Community?

- Removal or painting over graffiti costs the community thousands of dollars every year - dollars that could be allocated to valuable community initiatives and programs.
- Graffiti, when left unchallenged sends a message that nobody cares about the neighbourhood.
- Graffiti may lead business owners to relocate, and can drive down property values.
- Graffiti impacts on the beautification of our City which can drive away tourists, leading to losses in revenue.
- Graffiti, when left unchallenged can be an invitation to other crimes.

Sponsors of the Graffiti Eradication & Prevention program include:

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #26

Kelowna Central Lions Club

How Can I Help?

Recognize

- Graffiti is a crime!

Report

- Any and all graffiti vandalism by calling the City of Kelowna Graffiti Hotline 469-8600 Option 7 or by email graffiti@kelowna.ca

Remove

- If your property becomes a target of graffiti, remove the graffiti as soon as possible
- Sign up to be a member of G.E.T. - the Graffiti Eradication Team
- Organize a clean up day in your neighbourhood

Graffiti Eradication & Prevention Program



What is the Graffiti Eradication & Prevention Program?



**Working Together
To Prevent Crime**

**The Police and the Community
working together.**

Graffiti is a Crime - Wipe it Out!



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The Graffiti Eradication & Prevention program is a police-based crime prevention program designed to reduce incidents of graffiti vandalism and the negative impact that this crime has on the community.

A leading motivating factor for graffiti vandals is notoriety, by removing graffiti as quickly as it appears vandals are unable to achieve recognition from their peers. If left unchallenged, however, graffiti encourages other crimes and encroaches on the safety and well-being of our community.

The Graffiti Eradication & Prevention program will emphasize action, with the aim of taking back our neighbourhoods, making them safe and inviting.

How Can I Become a Volunteer for the Graffiti Eradication Program?

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the Graffiti Eradication & Prevention program, please read and answer the following questions:

- Are you a resident of the area?
- Are you at least 19 years of age?
- Do not have a criminal record?
- Hold a valid B.C. Drivers license?
- Can commit 4 hours per week for a period of one year?
- Enjoy working outdoors, and do not have health problems that impede your ability to walk short distances?

If you can answer “yes” to all the above questions, and can pass the security screening required by the RCMP, you will find volunteering for the Graffiti Eradication Team a rewarding experience!

We are currently recruiting volunteers for G.E.T. - the Graffiti Eradication Team. G.E.T. volunteers will be trained and equipped to remove graffiti from areas throughout our community.

How Can I Prevent Becoming a Target of Graffiti Vandalism?

- Removing graffiti within 24 hours after it appears will prevent the offender from achieving recognition from other “taggers”.
- Install motion sensor lighting and ensure your property appears occupied at all times.
- Use vegetation such as ivy to cover up vulnerable walls, or plant thick, thorny bushes to discourage individuals from entering areas that may seem suitable for graffiti.
- Cover walls with anti-graffiti coatings.

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