

FINALLY... REMOVE IT!

From your own property, paint over it (in evened off squares), use special graffiti remover, pressure wash, or sand blast. Visit KentPoliceCEU.com for removal tips and suggestions.

If you need free assistance, please call us to request volunteer removal help. A property liability waiver is required, completed by the property owner or agent before volunteers can remove graffiti.

If the graffiti is on private property, Kent's graffiti removal program will work with the property owner to get the graffiti cleaned up.

Graffiti is classified as a public nuisance under Kent City Code and should be removed within 10 days of identifying the graffiti, KCC 8.01.



CONTACTS

Valley/West Hill:

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East Hill: Stacy Judd

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Report graffiti in progress, call **9-1-1**

For more information or to report existing graffiti,

Police@KentWA.gov

253-856-GRAF (4723)



Graffiti PAINT IT OUT

types of graffiti & what to do about them

**City of Kent
Graffiti Removal
Program**



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DID YOU KNOW...

that 90% of the graffiti in Kent is non-gang related graffiti? Graffiti is broken down into five different categories:

Five types of graffiti:

1. Tagger



Unlawful application of a personal moniker or "tag" written for the purpose of gaining fame and notoriety from others in the graffiti community.



High visibility, high risk areas are targeted including those areas they think will have longevity and be complicated to remove.

2. Gang



Graffiti written for the purpose of marking territory or turf, making threats to rival gangs and communicating which gang controls a specific geographic area.

3. Communicative

Expresses a point of view or an opinion that the writer wants to have presented in a public forum through graffiti vandalism.

4. Hate

Graffiti written with the intent to harass, intimidate, or threaten another group or individual based on race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability, etc.



5. Art

The difference between ART and GRAFFITI is permission, ie. any legal artistic endeavor that has the permission of the property owner and abides by state and city laws and does not depict a personal moniker or crew tag.

What can you do about graffiti in Kent?

REPORT IT

If graffiti is on someone else's property, call the graffiti hotline **253-856-GRAB**.

If it's on your property, you can submit an online police report. Visit **KentWA.gov/police** and click on "Submit an online police report".

If you witness graffiti in-progress, call **9-1-1** immediately and provide as much information as you can.

THEN...

Take photos and send to **swood@KentWA.gov** or **sjudd@KentWA.gov** or deliver hard copies to: **Kent Police Department Attn: Graffiti 220 4th Ave. S, Kent, WA 98032.**

*** Graffiti: The difference between art and graffiti is permission.**