

GRAFFITI IS A CRIME

If you see graffiti in progress

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If you are a victim of graffiti, file a police report:

**Battle Ground Police Department
(360) 342-5201**

If you see graffiti in Battle Ground report it

**The Graffiti hotline
(360) 342-5229**

or via E-mail

graffiti@ci.battle-ground.wa.us

Other Useful contacts

Battle Ground School District . . (360) 885-5300

C-Tran (360) 696-4494
(bus shelters and stops)

Clark County (360) 397-6079
(railroad property)

WSDOT (360) 705-7000
(SR 503 and SR 502)

TAGNET/ No Graffiti www.nograffiti.com



For more information regarding the Graffiti Abatement Program visit our website at www.cityofbg.org



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Abatement Program

What is the purpose of having a Graffiti Abatement Program?

The City's Graffiti Abatement Program is designed to focus on education, prevention, enforcement and abatement. The most vital part of this program is making the City aware of graffiti so we can address it.

Battle Ground considers graffiti to be a serious issue that effects our quality of life and may lead to additional problems if not effectively dealt with. Make sure you report graffiti over the phone or via e-mail.



Rapid removal is the most effective method to reduce incidents in the community. In order for this program to be successful a joint effort must be made between the City if Battle Ground, our citizens, property owners, visitors and other agencies.

Graffiti Education

The City's Graffiti Hotline and e-mail address not only serve as ways to report graffiti, they are also tools to better educate those who may have questions or concerns about graffiti in our City. Other educational efforts are made through the City's Community newsletter and other City publications.



Community Efforts

- **Notifying the Police Department** will enable them to track and identify graffiti, resulting in the potential apprehension, and possible conviction, of vandals, and cost recovery for the property owner. Also, the Police will be better able to identify if the graffiti is gang related.
- Property owners are encouraged to **paint over or remove graffiti** as soon as it appears. If the resident is not the legal owner of the property, they are asked to notify the property owner of the graffiti and the need of it's removal. Property owners who are unable to remove the graffiti themselves are asked to locate volunteers to help remove it.



City Efforts

- Community Service Officers operate the **Graffiti Abatement Program** for graffiti on private property. They notify property owners of the presence of graffiti, and offer advice and assistance to remove it quickly.
- The City has a goal of **removing graffiti from our property in three working days** after being sited and/or reported.
- In most cases the **Police Department photographs graffiti vandalism** for potential future prosecution and cost recovery, and to target and defuse potential problem areas.
- The **City Council has passed a graffiti ordinance** which emphasizes empowerment, education, enforcement, and eradication regarding graffiti.
- The **School Resource Officers work with students** to identify graffiti vandals and other graffiti related issues.
- The **City has established a graffiti hotline and e-mail** address to collect graffiti related questions and reports.
- **Graffiti observed on non-City property is reported to the responsible agency.** The City's Community Service Officers will give advice and assistance on connecting these agencies with resources to remove the graffiti.
- In some circumstances, the City is prepared to offer a **reward for information** leading to the conviction of graffiti vandals.



Make your property graffiti resistant

Graffiti vandalism can't occur if there are no suitable locations. Property owners can reduce graffiti incidences by not creating or reducing blank spaces. This can be done by:

- Planting vegetation,
- Installation of ornamentation, such as trellises,
- Keep your home well lit at night,
- Installing windows in large blank walls.

