

*“Code compliance provides rules for all of us which serve to improve and maintain neighborhoods that we can all take pride in.”*

— Fairview Mayor, Mike Weatherby

## TACKLING GRAFFITI

Fairview is home to many beautiful parks and neighborhoods. Graffiti is a nuisance that affects the attractiveness and livability of these areas. Any word or design drawn, painted, or etched on any surface without permission of the property owner is considered graffiti.

### Graffiti can:

- ✓ Decrease community pride
- ✓ Decrease property values
- ✓ Reduce residents’ and visitors’ sense of security and safety
- ✓ Cause misperceptions of unsafe parks and neighborhoods

### What can I do?

Residents have the power and responsibility to take action. Graffiti is a nuisance that affects the entire city. With increased awareness and fast reporting of graffiti, the City can work with residents to get graffiti removed quickly.

## Prevention and Removal of Graffiti on City and Residential Property



<http://www.ci.fairview.or.us/>

## CODE COMPLIANCE: MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Fairview seeks to improve the quality of life for all residents through a fair and efficient code compliance program that focuses on community education and outreach.

Contact the City of Fairview Code Compliance Coordinator at 503-674-6206. For more information regarding graffiti removal and prevention, visit [www.graffitihurts.org](http://www.graffitihurts.org).



## WHAT TO DO IF I SEE GRAFFITI:

### In progress

Call 911 immediately. Do not attempt to stop or confront the vandals.

### On my property

You are responsible for removing graffiti from your property. City regulations require graffiti removal from private property within 7-days.

Call the Fairview Police Department non-emergency number for insurance reporting purposes.

Remove the graffiti promptly! Studies show that if graffiti is removed within 24-48 hours, the graffiti will be easier to remove and the vandal is less likely to strike again.

### On someone else's property

Anyone can report graffiti by contacting Code Compliance at 503-674-6206.

### In a city park

Report the graffiti immediately to Code Compliance at 503-674-6206.

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## HOW CAN I PREVENT GRAFFITI ON MY PROPERTY?

Take action to prevent graffiti on your property and in your neighborhood.

The following suggestions may help to prevent graffiti on your property:

- ✓ Remove graffiti quickly within 24-48 hours
- ✓ Report graffiti if you see it, even if it is on someone else's property. Immediate reporting will lead to faster removal of graffiti in your neighborhood.

- ✓ Improve lighting to deter vandals. Consider installing outdoor motion detector lights on your property.
- ✓ Use landscaping to prevent access to areas by planting thorny plants or vines on or near walls and fences
- ✓ Paint fences dark colors to discourage and obscure graffiti
- ✓ Keep your property looking good! Good overall property maintenance discourages vandals.

## How do I remove graffiti from my property?

Fast removal of graffiti is very important. It will allow for easier removal and will lower the likelihood that the vandal will strike again. The removal technique will depend on the surface. Paint thinner is a common removal option, but non-toxic graffiti removal products are available.

## IMPORTANT:

When removing graffiti, remember to always take necessary precautions, wear protective gear and follow product directions while using chemical removers.