



Portage la Prairie
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Graffiti

Tips on Prevention & Removal

Graffiti Removal Tips

- * Four main methods of graffiti removal are available: painting, pressure washing, sand- or soda-blasting, and chemical removal.
- * Painting is usually the cheapest, easiest, and safest way to remove graffiti.
- * Most surfaces can be painted, but pressure washing and blasting may also be used on brick, concrete, or stucco.
- * Razor blades can be used to scrape graffiti off of glass.
- * Surfaces that have been cleaned, primed, and painted with multiple coats will be least likely to have graffiti leach through to the surface.
- * You can purchase a protective graffiti barrier to apply afterwards and this will make removal easier if the surface is vandalized again.
- * Graffiti removal is best done in above-freezing temperatures and when the surface temperature is not hot to the touch.

Graffiti Prevention Tips

- * Removal within 48 hours is most effective at preventing graffiti from reappearing, so it is a good idea to have extra paint and supplies on hand.
- * Reducing the number of hiding places in your yard (e.g., trimming lower tree branches to 7 feet and keeping shrubs trimmed to 3 feet) might discourage vandals from entering your property.
- * Security lights will allow you to see what's going on in your yard at night and will also scare vandals away.
- * Keeping items such as ladders and garbage bins away from homes and buildings will stop vandals from climbing to reach blank walls on which to apply their graffiti.
- * Planting flowers, shrubs, and vines in front of walls and fences makes them less accessible to graffiti vandals.
- * Talk with your neighbours about these tips and create a graffiti prevention plan for your home/neighbourhood.

*For more information on graffiti removal and prevention,
please call your local paint/hardware stores or the PCRC at
240-PCRC (7272).*



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