

# Glass

## Options for removal

- Cleaning with chemicals (if marked)
- Buffing/polishing
- Replace (if etched)

## Ease of Cover-up

- Not applicable

## Ease of Removal

- Medium (depending if graffiti is marked or etched)

## Resources/Tips

- After graffiti is removed from the glass surface, apply an anti-graffiti laminate or paint to make future graffiti removal easier.

## Challenges

- Check with manufacturer or retailer that the chemical will remove the graffiti vandalism without leaving shadows or a ghosting effect.
- Check with manufacturer whether the product is abrasive and will damage the glass surface.

# Graffiti Removal Services

■ Cook County Sheriff 773-291-2317  
www.cookcountysheriff.com

■ Tagfree 312-388-3663  
www.tagfreeglass.com

■ Pressure Washing Unlimited 773-392-1500  
www.pressurewashingunlimited.com

■ Chicagoland Graffiti Removal 877-886-5544  
www.chicagolandgraffitiremoval.com

# Free Graffiti Removal

The **COOK COUNTY SHERIFF** offers a graffiti removal program. **In many instances, the program will provide the labor and machinery to remove graffiti FREE of charge.** The program is offered to public buildings, schools, parks, streets, railroad underpasses, and not-for-profit organizations. **The program will also remove graffiti from private property.** Prior to consideration, the property is subject to an assessment and a waiver must be signed. Contact Mary Donahue at 773-291-2317 or send e-mail to [graffiti@ccsheriff.org](mailto:graffiti@ccsheriff.org). Further information is available on their website, [www.cookcountysheriff.com](http://www.cookcountysheriff.com). Please note that the program operates on a “first-come, first-served” basis. If your request for removal cannot be completed within the required fourteen (14) days, then you must make arrangements for another means of removal.



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## Graffiti Removal Guide

- Tips for Graffiti Removal
- Tips to Help Prevent Graffiti
- Resource & Product Guide
- Graffiti Removal Services

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Community Development Department

# Graffiti Removal

Immediate and complete removal of graffiti is strongly encouraged to prevent further criminal damage to your property. The sooner it is removed the easier it is to remove it. **In accordance with the Village Property Maintenance Code Sec. 21.604, graffiti must be removed within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a Notice of Violation by the Village. Failure to remove graffiti may result in the issuance of a citation.** The Cook County Sheriff provides free graffiti removal (see back panel). If you decide to remove the graffiti on your own, please know that the following information in this guide is only a suggestion for graffiti removal and is not a guarantee of the businesses, products, or services. You may also check the Yellow Pages for additional products or services. Please be aware that products used improperly may cause damage to surfaces. Manufacturer's instructions should be followed.

## Brick

*Options for removal*

- Sandblasting
- Pressure washing
- Soda-blasting
- Buffing/polishing

## Ease of Cover-up

- Medium

## Ease of Removal

- Difficult

## Resources/Tips

- After graffiti is removed from the brick surface, apply an anti-graffiti laminate or paint to make future graffiti removal easier.

## Concrete

*Options for removal*

- Sandblasting
- Pressure washing
- Soda-blasting
- Painting
- Sanding
- Buffing/polishing

## Ease of Cover-up

- Easy

## Ease of Removal

- Difficult

## Resources/Tips

- After graffiti is removed from the concrete surface, apply an anti-graffiti laminate or paint to make future graffiti removal easier.

## Plastic

*Options for removal*

- Cleaning with chemicals
- Painting
- Buffing/polishing

## Ease of Cover-up

- Easy

## Ease of Removal

- Medium to difficult

## Resources/Tips

- After graffiti is removed from the plastic surface, apply an anti-graffiti laminate or paint to make future graffiti removal easier.

## Challenges

- Check with manufacturer or retailer that the chemical will remove the graffiti vandalism without leaving shadows or a ghosting effect.

## Metal

*Options for removal*

- Cleaning with chemicals
- Painting
- Buffing/polishing

## Ease of Cover-up

- Easy

## Ease of Removal

- Easy to Medium

## Resources/Tips

- After graffiti is removed from the metal surface, apply an anti-graffiti laminate or paint to make future graffiti removal easier.

## Challenges

- Check with manufacturer or retailer that the chemical will remove the graffiti vandalism from the metal surface without leaving shadows or a ghosting effect.

## Wood

*Options for removal*

- Painting
- Sanding
- Buffing/polishing

## Ease of Cover-up

- Easy

## Ease of Removal

- Difficult

## Resources/Tips

- After graffiti is removed from the wood surface, apply an anti-graffiti laminate or paint to make future graffiti removal easier.