

IDEAS TO PREVENT GRAFFITI

- Graffiti resistant materials
- Improved lighting
- Landscaping practices that contribute to safety and security
- Security and surveillance systems and patrols
- Passive surveillance through good design and materials, and incorporation of areas between private and public spaces
- Strategically placed fences, art, signs and landscaping

CALL 211 TO REPORT GRAFFITI IN THUNDER BAY

VISIT WWW.THUNDERBAY.CA/GRAFFITI FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CALL 211.



Visit www.thunderbay.ca/graffiti or call 211, your community information and referral service, to report graffiti



CLEAN, GREEN & BEAUTIFUL

The City of Thunder Bay has adopted a new Graffiti Management By-law to lower the amount of graffiti found in the community. The By-law will help manage and reduce the instances of graffiti on public and privately owned property. The Graffiti Guard campaign encourages everyone to prevent, report and remove graffiti found in Thunder Bay.

GRAFFITI

Graffiti is defined as one or more letters, symbols, etchings, figures, inscriptions or stains made or affixed to a property.

EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

The By-law says no one is allowed to put graffiti on property and property owners must remove graffiti if they become a target. The City will provide financial assistance to residents and small businesses targeted by graffiti. Call 211 to find out more.

WHAT ELSE IS THE CITY DOING?

After notification, the City will, whenever possible, remove graffiti from City-owned or operated property within:

- **48 hours** for hate, racist, gang-related, obscene or offensive graffiti
- **7 days** for large amounts of graffiti on highly visible sites
- **14 days** for other types of graffiti

The City will also work with community partners to encourage young people to put their creativity toward positive art projects.

A three-step **Graffiti Management Program** will help keep our community clean, green and beautiful.

PREVENT

There is no way to completely prevent property from becoming a target for graffiti, but removal helps discourage repeat events or the spread of graffiti. See the back panel of this brochure for ways the City is preventing graffiti. These ideas may help reduce the chances of your home or business being targeted.

REPORT

Call 211 to report graffiti. 211 is your community information and referral service, available 24 hours a day. The City will provide up to \$50 on request to help homeowners and small businesses (with an assessment value less than \$400,000) pay for the cost of removal. Visit www.thunderbay.ca/graffiti to learn more about a subsidy available to low-income seniors and people who have a disability.

REMOVE

Studies have found that removal often prevents more graffiti from appearing. For public property, 211 will notify the appropriate agency and they will have the graffiti removed. For private property, owners will be notified under the Graffiti Management By-law and be asked to remove the graffiti with financial assistance available from the City.