



# 1-2-3 Graffiti Free Asheville's Graffiti Clean-up Initiative

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## Timeline

### 2015 OCTOBER 1

The community and city government continue to fight graffiti vandalism by removing graffiti within 48 hours

While property owners will be responsible for 100% of removal fees, City government will continue to assist with coordination of clean-up efforts

### 2014 SEPTEMBER 23

City Council voted to extend the assistance program through September 30, 2015 or until the allocated funding is exhausted.

### 2014 JULY 1

City financial support for Graffiti Cleanup Initiative on private property begins

### 2014 JUNE 6

Informational meeting for businesses that are interested in graffiti removal work

### 2014 APRIL 22

Council passes new graffiti ordinance with civil fines for graffiti vandalism [minutes](#)

### 2012 DECEMBER 7

Technical Review Committee review

### 2012 SEPTEMBER 25

[Environmental assessment](#) completed.

### 2012 SEPTEMBER 4

Third community meeting

### 2012 MARCH 1

Second community meeting

### 2012 FEBRUARY 14

Presentation to City Council

For general information about 123 Graffiti Free Asheville or specific information about the 90-day Clean-up Program please call: 828.259.5960  
Or Email:  
123graffitifree@ashevillenc.gov



## What's happening now?

**UPDATE: On September 23, Asheville City Council voted to extend the 123 Graffiti Free cleanup assistance program. Property owners who have not participated in the program before are eligible for a one-time \$500 incentive toward graffiti cleanup through September 30, 2015 or until the allocated funding is exhausted.**

Curious about how many tags have been removed or how much money the city has invested? Visit the [Graffiti Dashboard!](#)

Between July 1 and September 30, City government, with help from an anonymous donor, will assist property owners with the costs of graffiti removal.

Register your property for the 90-day cleanup initiative:

- App Use the Asheville App. Download in app stores or go to [www.ashevillenc.gov](http://www.ashevillenc.gov). Type "I'd like to help with graffiti cleanup."
- Call 828-259-5960

## Background

Graffiti vandalism hurts our community and comes at a great cost.

With guidance from the community, a 3-step Graffiti Clean-up Initiative has been developed to fight graffiti vandalism in the city of Asheville.

The Plan in Summary:

1. New civil penalties (in addition to criminal penalties) for graffiti vandalism. Fines up to \$1000.
2. 90-Day Intensive Clean-up Program
3. Continued city government assistance in coordination of private property clean-up

## Supporting documents

[How the program works Brochure](#)  
[Graffiti Ordinance](#)

[Facts about graffiti vandalism Report Graffiti](#)  
[Application for Contract Work](#)