



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](#)

For general information about 123 Graffiti Free Asheville or specific information about the Clean-up Program please call: 828-259-5720 Or Email: 123graffitifree@ashevillenc.gov



What's happening now?

UPDATE: A recently passed law in North Carolina stiffens the penalties for graffiti vandalism beginning December 1, 2015, making it a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable with a minimum \$500 fine. Moreover, a third charge of graffiti vandalism becomes a felony, if there have been two prior convictions on the same charge. Gov. Pat McCrory signed the bill into law in June.

If you see graffiti, you can report it most easily using these two methods:

App: Use the Asheville App. Download in app stores or go to www.ashevillenc.gov. Type "I'd like to help with graffiti cleanup."

Call: 828-259-5720

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](#)