

# FACT SHEET

## Graffiti

Council is committed to enhancing and maintaining the look and feel of our area.

One way of achieving this is to ensure that graffiti is removed as soon as possible and the appearance of buildings, especially in commercial precincts does not degrade the amenity of the area.

Council encourages business and property owners to help keep Mareeba Shire clean and inviting.

### What is Graffiti?

Graffiti is any drawing, painting, writing, symbol or mark applied to or marked on property by spraying, writing, drawing, marking or otherwise applying paint or another marking substance or scratching or etching.



### What is not Graffiti?

Graffiti does not include:

- (a) chalk drawings on footpaths;
- (b) public art commissioned on a commercial basis by or with the consent of the owner of the premises;
- (c) public art on a wall or structure in, or visible from, a public place designated for its legal application; or
- (d) such other markings or art as may be approved by the local government.

### How does the Local Law affect you?

Under Council's Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2018, if any building or other structure (fencing), or billboard or a billboard structure is marked with graffiti, Council may issue a notice to the owner or occupier of the building or structure, to remove the graffiti.

### Further information

A quick reference guide for property owners is attached with recommendations on the most effective removal methods of graffiti on different surfaces.

For more information, contact Council on 1300 308 461 or visit [www.msc.qld.gov.au](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au).

## Graffiti Removal Quick Reference Guide

SURFACE	STEP 1		STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
Painted brick	Paint over	or	Apply graffiti remover in small amounts	Rub with a soft cloth or brush	Wash off	When dry repeat steps 2-4 until removed
Unpainted brick	Apply graffiti remover		Wait the product-recommended time	Rub with a stiff brush	Wash off or water blast	When dry repeat steps 1-4 until removed
Colourbond fence	Paint over	or	Apply graffiti remover in small amounts	Rub with a soft brush	Wash off straight away	When dry repeat steps 2-4 until removed
Unpainted wooden fence	Use sander, sand paper or scraper	or	Apply graffiti remover	Rub with a stiff brush	Wash off or water blast	When dry repeat steps 2-4 until removed
Painted wooden fence	Paint over	or	Apply graffiti remover	Rub with a soft brush	Wash off straight away	When dry repeat steps 2-4 until removed
Plastic rubbish bins	Apply graffiti remover		Rub with a stiff brush	Wash off	When dry repeat steps 1-3 until removed	
Steel and aluminium	Apply graffiti remover		Rub with a stiff brush	Wash off	When dry repeat steps 1-3 until removed	
Glass	Use blade scraper for aerosol paint	or	Apply graffiti remover	Rub with a soft cloth or brush	Wash off	When dry repeat steps 2-4 until removed
Pathways or driveways	Apply graffiti remover		Wait the product-recommended time	Rub with a stiff brush	Wash off or water blast	When dry repeat steps 1-4 until removed
Tiles	Apply graffiti remover		Rub with a stiff brush or non-scratch scourer	Wash off	When dry repeat steps 1-3 until removed	
Signs	Apply graffiti remover in small amounts		Rub with a soft brush	Wash off straight away	When dry repeat steps 1-3 until removed	
Vinyl siding	Paint over	or	Apply graffiti remover in small amounts	Rub with a stiff brush	Wash off straight away	When dry repeat steps 2-4 until removed