

# HOW TO ORGANIZE A GRAFFITI CLEAN-UP



The City of Providence will assist communities in cleaning up graffiti in their neighborhood. We can provide a power-wash for the larger surfaces the week-day before your clean-up. The City does not supply tools needed for graffiti clean-ups. Below you will find 7 easy steps for organizing a neighborhood graffiti clean-up. **If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mayor Cicilline's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) at 421 PROV (7768).**

## Select a clean-up time and date:

Weekends are a good time for a clean-up, as most of your neighbors will be available. Please schedule with ONS at least 3 weeks in advance.  
\*always secure a rain date

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## Reserve power washer:

Call ONS (421-2489) to schedule a power wash the weekday before your clean-up – we assist with the larger surfaces for easier abatement.

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## Have waivers signed:

When you call ONS, they will ask for an address to send liability waivers. This protects both you, and the City. Please have the owners of every property sign these waivers.

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## Need additional help?

Ask the Crime Watch or other Community Organizations in the area round up volunteers.

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## Organize volunteers:

Call or visit neighbors and ask them to participate in the clean-up.

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## Secure paint/tools:

Take an inventory with your neighbors; they might have extra paint, rollers, and brushes. Sometimes, businesses in the area are willing to donate in exchange for abatement.

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## Plan for refreshments:

Have water and other refreshments available for the volunteers. Sometimes businesses in the area are willing to donate.

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## Celebrate your success!

Organize a neighborhood party to celebrate your successful graffiti clean-up! Feel free to invite local politicians and other Community Leaders. Publicity is a wonderful way to show neighboring areas that graffiti clean-ups are easy and a great way to show pride!