

Bureau Notes

The Graffiti Abatement Program serves the citizens of Portland through a variety of activities. Community members are able to report graffiti via the web (portlandonline.com), the graffiti hotline (503 823-4824), or a Pdx Reporter droid application (free download available at portlandonline.com).

The Graffiti Abatement Coordinator receives every report, including the type of location that has been vandalized, and determines the course of action. ONI's main goal is to have graffiti removed as quickly as possible. However, some private properties may need to receive a notice for abatement. All notices are sent by certified and regular mail and give a 10-day deadline for cleanup (per PCC14B.80). Certain other private properties (owner occupied, single family dwellings, most non-profits, and some small businesses) qualify for free removal services from a city contractor. If the property in question belongs to the City, a referral is made to the responsible bureau. The same goes for ODOT properties, Multnomah County properties, public utilities, etc. All reports are referred for cleanup.

It is not possible to determine from the ONI Level of Service map exactly how much graffiti is happening in a particular coalition or neighborhood. The map shows how many reports are made, but not how much graffiti is really out there. The neighborhoods with a high awareness and zero tolerance are the neighborhoods that make the most reports. On the other hand, it is accurate to say that certain neighborhoods in SE and NE Coalitions probably do have more graffiti than other locations in the city.

The Graffiti Abatement Program, with the addition of the Volunteer Coordinator position, is making strides to engage more neighbors in graffiti cleanups. This not only provides more graffiti cleanup, but also educates the participants. Once a person participates in a graffiti removal project, they find it hard to ignore graffiti. They learn how important it is to document (with pictures) and report each new incident.

The other important piece of Portland's graffiti abatement program is the graffiti task force and partnerships with both law enforcement and the district attorney's office. The task force has improved information sharing within the metro area, and the increase in arrest and prosecution of graffiti vandals has been critical in changing the image of Portland as a place for taggers to come and 'do their thing.

Per Graffiti Report

141 - 317

318 - 494

495 - 670

671 - 847

848 - 1,023

Coalitions

CENT - Central City

CNN - Central Northeast Neighborhood

EPNO - East Portland Neighborhood Office

NECN - Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods

NPNS - North Portland Neighborhood Services

NWNW - Neighbors West/Northwest

SEUL - Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Coalition

SWNI - Southwest Neighbors, Inc.

Number of Graffiti by Coalition

CENT 693 CNN 188 **EPNO** 410 613 **NECN** 623 **NPNS** 158 NWNW SEUL 1,023 **SWNI** 141

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