

Rate Sheet / Price Comparison

	Standard Abatement	Pressure Washing	CRP Abatement	CRP Commercial
Cost / Sq. Ft.	\$1 - 3.50	N/A	\$ 5 (< 8') - \$7 (> 8')	\$ 15
Cost / Hr.	\$170 min. + \$60 /hr after 30 min.	\$ 250	\$ 25	\$ 45

Did You Know?

- The city of Oakland can legally fine businesses which have been the target of vandalism.
- Businesses can be fined multiple times for the same wall.
- City graffiti removal crews only repaint public property.
- Abatement offers no long-term solution.

Projected costs over 2 year period (based on 800 sq. foot wall)

Abatement (based on repainting 5x/year) = \$ 28,000  
 Mural cost @ Commercial rate = \$ 12,000  
 Mural cost @ Abatement rate = \$ 4,000

The Hidden Costs of Abatement (source: <http://www.graffitihurts.org/>)

**1. Avoid the patchwork effect** - Paint the entire wall to match.

**2. Prepare the surface**

- Painting over a surface that is not properly prepared may lead to peeling and cracking of paint. Ensure appropriate surface preparation before painting over any graffiti:
- Clean the surface of any dust, dirt, grease or oils. Sanding may be necessary.

**3. Select the right paint**

- Poor paint selection and repeated paint-outs have the potential to cause surface damage, allowing for structural deterioration.
- Multiple coats of paint on the same area can also prevent surface pores from breathing, causing structural and maintenance problems.
- Painting over a surface that already has several coats of paint may require using a pressure washer or scraping and sanding to properly prepare it for a new coat of paint.

Painting out graffiti over and over again gets expensive quickly! Murals greatly reduce tag recidivism and your long term costs for abatement. A mural lasting for two years on your business can actually save you money while beautifying the community!