

## Activity 168 Graffiti Removal

### Description

Activity 168 involves removing or painting over graffiti on structures, signs, traffic signal controllers or devices, retaining walls, and other roadside objects.

### General Instructions

Refer to Activity F03 for removing graffiti on buildings.

Refer to Activity 137 for removing graffiti within rest areas.

Before removing or covering graffiti, contact law enforcement to give the enforcement agency an opportunity to investigate the graffiti.

Since graffiti may encourage others to perform additional graffiti, remove or paint over graffiti as soon as feasible.

Adjacent neighborhood groups, municipalities, or civic organizations may be interested and very helpful in eliminating graffiti from ODOT property. If so, the District Manager should consider granting a permit for that work and providing needed materials. Refer to discussion in the Use of ODOT Property by Permit section of this Guide.

It may be appropriate to apply special coatings to high-risk structures to facilitate easy removal of graffiti.

### Controlling Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollutants or Contaminants

Plan and implement methods to control erosion, sedimentation, and pollutants or contaminants, including those discussed in the Control of Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollutants or Contaminants section of this Guide and the ODOT *Routine Road Maintenance Water Quality and Habitat Guide Best Management Practices*.

As appropriate, implement and maintain devices and processes including those described in the *Field Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control*.

Also implement appropriate practices to control or contain removed or waste material from the work, from cleanup of tools or equipment, or from other operations.

### Temporary Protection and Direction of Traffic

Plan, implement, and maintain traffic control as addressed in the *Traffic Control on State Highways for Short Term Work Zones* handbook.

### Equipment

Select equipment suitable for the work and situation.

### Materials

Materials may include:

- Solvent or other appropriate material to remove graffiti.
- Paint to cover graffiti.

### Work Method

1. Identify the work to be performed and obtain needed resources.
2. Implement appropriate traffic control.
3. Implement appropriate methods to control erosion, sedimentation, pollutants or contaminants, and removed or waste products.
4. Remove or paint over graffiti.
5. Remove traffic control.
6. Dispose of waste or excess material at an appropriate location.

### Measurement of Accomplishment, Expenditure Account, and Charge Activity

Measurement is number of worker hours involved. Expenditure account type is Highway EA (use a sub-job appropriate for the crew performing the work).

- Charge all work to TEAMS Activity 168.