

## GRAFFITI ABATEMENT TEAM

The Graffiti Abatement Team (GAT) is the lead agency responsible for eradicating and containing the spread of graffiti vandalism. The program has developed into a rapid response unit that can address most graffiti removal requests within 3-4 business days (weather conditions permitting). CLIP has removed graffiti from over 1 million properties and street fixtures in Philadelphia. This is a FREE service to residents and businesses in our city.

### REPORTING TIPS:

- Provide the exact address and zip code of the graffiti.
- Indicate what kind of property was tagged and where the graffiti is located on the property.
- Specify the preferred removal method (paint or power wash).
- Be proactive—report graffiti as soon as it appears in your neighborhood.

### HOW TO REPORT GRAFFITI VANDALISM

- Call **311** and speak with a live operator or...
- Online at [www.phila.gov/qualityoflife](http://www.phila.gov/qualityoflife)

*Graffiti removal is a **free** service for residents and businesses in Philadelphia!*



## OUTSTANDING PROGRAM RESULTS IN FY 15

- Over **106,000** PROPERTIES AND STREET FIXTURES CLEANED BY THE GRAFFITI ABATEMENT TEAM
- Over **33,000** VACANT LOT PARCELS WERE INSPECTED
- Over **12,000** VACANT LOT PARCELS CLEANED BY CLIP CREWS
- **1,200** COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS COMPLETED
- **575** COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVED CLEAN-UP SUPPLIES FROM THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
- Over **7,000** PIECES OF EQUIPMENT LOANED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
- Over **10,000** EXTERIORS OF PROPERTIES INSPECTED AND 2,100 WERE ABATED BY CLIP CREWS

*“Thank you to all those who work tirelessly to maintain their properties and also to the thousands of volunteers who take pride in the appearance of our neighborhoods. Together we can and will make a difference in society.”*

Thomas Conway,  
Deputy Managing Director

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

# COMMUNITY LIFE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS-CLIP



## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

CLIP consists of several programs dedicated to improving the appearance of neighborhoods through the education of property maintenance codes, enforcement of said codes and, when warranted, nuisance abatement. These programs are designed to be efficient and maximize effectiveness by creating partnerships with residents and businesses to foster sustainable communities.

As you know, hard work, personal responsibility and dedication are characteristics that formed the backbone of our great country. We ask that you continue this ideology by getting involved in your neighborhood and partner with our programs to make a positive difference.

*Thomas M. Conway,  
Deputy Managing Director*

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM & THE VACANT LOT PROGRAM

The City's Property Maintenance and Vacant Lot Programs were created to address the problem of nuisance properties and the resulting overgrowth, trash and debris. The main objective of these programs is to promote clean neighborhoods by enforcing the City's property maintenance codes. Before any punitive action is initiated by the City, the property owner is issued a warning notice which states that the property needs to be maintained. If the warning fails to compel the owner to maintain their property, City abatement crews have the authority to clean those properties and bill the owner for the clean up cost.

### HOW TO REPORT A NUISANCE PROPERTY

Call **311\*** and speak with a live operator

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Community Partnership Program (CPP) loans clean up tools and supplies to volunteers in community groups, businesses and residents engaged in cleaning and maintaining their neighborhoods. Supplies include rakes, brooms, shovels, trash bags, etc. After the clean up is over, bagged trash pick up by Community Life Improvement Program personnel is also available and is coordinated by CPP. This program operates year round.

### HOW TO REQUEST CLEAN-UP SUPPLIES

- Call **215-685-9558**
- Visit our website [www.phila.gov/qualityoflife](http://www.phila.gov/qualityoflife)

*"Thank you for your assistance in cleaning up our great city!"*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

The Community Service Program (CSP) provides non-violent offenders (ages 18 and up) an opportunity to complete their community service sentences by cleaning and beautifying the city. Projects include sweeping and removing debris from city properties, underpasses, blocks, etc. as well as assisting community groups with organized clean ups.

For more information about the Community Service Program, please call **(215) 685-3071** or visit us at [www.phila.gov/qualityoflife](http://www.phila.gov/qualityoflife)



**\*If calling 311 by cell phone or from outside the city, please call (215) 686-8686**