

## Alleys

Alley ways are an important part of the downtown environment. They see a tremendous amount of foot traffic and influence the overall impression that people will hold of your business.

The City DOES NOT sweep alley ways and is looking for the cooperation of store owners to make sure that our alleys remain clean and tidy. Take pride in your "Backyard"!

Businesses are encouraged to paint murals along their alley front walls in order to beautify the area and create an "Alley Art Gallery". Murals also deter taggers from targeting your property.

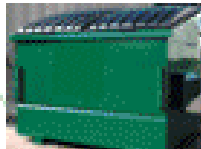
Put lighting on the back of your building to make alleys pedestrian friendly.

## Garbage Bins

Garbage bins should be locked in order to discourage individuals from rummaging in them.

If a Garbage bin has been vandalized make sure to report it to the service provider (this includes graffiti).

Restaurants should have garbage removed as soon as possible to stop our alleys from having a distinct "rotting food" smell.



The City is planning to place several new garbage receptacles and ashtrays in the downtown area. Look for them in the coming months.

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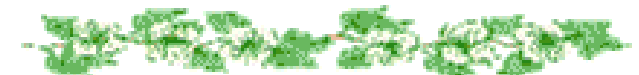
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**Environment**



**A guide to help insure a safe,  
clean and professional  
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## Sidewalks

Sidewalks should be swept on a daily basis and should be washed weekly. If possible, potted plants should be brought in every evening to prevent them from being vandalized.

Flower beds and Planters require care. In particular the marigolds planted in the tree wells require special attention and may need to be watered more than once a day during the summer months; they are recommended to receive four liters of water per day. As the City plants these flowers they would appreciate property owners involvement in insuring that these plants remain well watered.

### During the Winter:

Snow should be removed before the commencement of business every day

DO NOT use Salt to remove ice on our cobblestone walk ways. Salt is very corrosive and causes significant damage

To remove ice use Magnesium Chloride (Freeze Guard) which is plant and people friendly.

### Street Sweeping:

Streets are swept Monday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 11:00pm and 7:00 am



## Graffiti

The goal of a graffiti tagger is to have his or her tag seen by as many people as possible for the longest period of time. By removing or covering the tag the property owner defeats it's purpose. The most effective counter-action to Graffiti is to be more persistent than the tagger by removing their work as quickly as possible time after time.

The KCBIA urges downtown businesses to be proactive in the campaign against graffiti. Here are some services and groups that will be useful in removing graffiti from your property.

Graffiti Task Force: 571 - 8175  
<http://www.city.kamloops.bc.ca/gtf/index.shtml>  
Cleaning up graffiti from 60 cents/square foot  
Email: [gtf@kamloops.ca](mailto:gtf@kamloops.ca)

Graffiti Solutions : 319 - 1421  
Experienced removal company able to clean unpainted surfaces

Like New Enterprises: 318 - 6256  
Specializing in graffiti and painting, and acid etching removal.

IR Painting Company and Décor: 319 - 0365  
Clear coating for murals allowing for Graffiti to be removed without damaging the underlying mural. Graffiti removal & Painting.

### Additional References:

<http://www.city.kamloops.bc.ca/garbage/index.shtml>  
Listing of landfills and disposal sites, garbage pick-up schedule, recycling disposal sites and information

## Proposed City Bylaw

In the coming months the city will be introducing a new Graffiti bylaw . This bylaw not only addresses the crime of the person generating graffiti but also includes fines to business owners who don't have graffiti removed from their property in a timely fashion.

Here is a brief breakdown of the proposed bylaw:

- Once a notice is delivered the property owner has 15 days to remove the graffiti.  
If the property owner does not comply the City may enter the property and effect the removal at the property owner's expense. It is proven that if graffiti is removed quickly and consistently, the tagger's goal is defeated and they will move on.
- Fines will be levied against both property owners who do not remove graffiti in a timely manner as well as against the

## Recycling

The closest recycling drop -off location downtown is located in the 1000 Block of River Street by the Yacht Club.

To find out more information about what is recyclable, and what is not recyclable, please visit:

<http://www.city.kamloops.bc.ca/garbage/recycling.shtml#what>