

## VANDALISM HURTS ... Both Financially and Otherwise

**VANDALISM** is the conspicuous defacement or destruction of property – a criminal act against property. When it is your property being damaged, it affects on a personal level. You feel violated, and wonder how such a thing could have happened to you. Like other crimes against property and people, the first step to preventing vandalism is to understand the crime.

1. Vandalism occurs most frequently at night, when fewer people are around and property isn't under as much scrutiny.
2. Three natural enemies of potential vandals are: Noise; Time; and Visibility.
3. If a criminal has a good chance of being seen, has a high chance of being heard while committing the act, or has little time to vandalize the property and get away – there is less chance that vandalism will take place.
4. Vandalism can happen anywhere, but tends to occur most frequently:
  - A. Where building design and lighting offers concealment;
  - B. In areas frequented by young people such as parks or public buildings; and
  - C. In unoccupied buildings, open spaces or parked vehicles where minimum surveillance is given to property.
5. Where you have had problems in the past, if possible, consider improved lighting and/or security devices.
6. **If you see a crime in progress: Please call the Police Department at 503.981.8738**

**Beginning July 1, 2007, the City plans to track the costs of both material and labor used to repair any damage to City-owned property.**



Rivenes Park



Barendse Park Restrooms



Centennial Park

If you come forward with information which leads to an arrest and conviction –

you may be entitled to a \$50.00 to \$300.00 reward (depending on the severity of the crime)

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### WATER USE FAST FACTS

June 2005–96 gallons/person per day  
 June 2006–117 gallons/person per day  
 June 2007–119 gallons/person per day  
*(June 2007 Data for June 1-13, 2007)*

**LOOKING FOR TIPS ON HOW TO CONSERVE WATER? GIVE US A CALL AT 503.982.9429**

**DIG SAFELY:** If you're getting ready to work on a summer project which involves digging—don't forget to call 800.332.2344 for utility locates **before** you begin to dig!

### COLOR CODE FOR UTILITY LOCATES

	ELECTRIC
	GAS/OIL
	COMMUNICATIONS
	WATER
	SEWER
	PROPOSED EXCAVATION

### EMERGENCY PLANNING

#### RECOMMENDED

Your family may not be together when an emergency strikes – so it is important to plan in advance how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations. Some tips for preparing your plan:

- It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members;
- Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a way to call the emergency contact (i.e. has a cell phone, etc);
- Know what kinds of disasters, both natural and man-made are most likely to occur in your area.

**Knowledge and preparation are your best defense and are your responsibility!**

For more information on EMERGENCY PLANNING, call 503.982.9429, or visit our website at [www.cityofhubbard.org](http://www.cityofhubbard.org).



*Until next time - Hubbard Public Works*