

*“When Fascism
comes to America
it will be wrapped
in the flag and
carrying a cross.”*

Sinclair Lewis

Fash Trash *Removal* Guide



Introduction:

Tired? Me too. We all are, but we must persist and resist when fascist symbols appear around us. Step on snek.

The intent of this zine is to give you insight into how to deal with fash banner drops, glued posters, stickers, etc.

Prepare Ahead of Time:

Organize with local anti-fascists ahead of time and think ahead. Lots of fash come from law-enforcement, military (or deeply desire to be them) which gives them some default leg-up so it's important to prep yourselves to counter their behavior.

General Tactics:

There's quick methods and more strategic responses depending on what you find. See a sticker on a surface? Document it and scrape it off. See a banner attached to an overpass? Don't go get it alone, contact your comrades, make a quick plan and then go for it.


We Keep Us Safe



Digital Protocol:

- Screenshot to remove location data

Image Marking:

- You will likely want to pass-on what you've found, do so but be sure to digitally mark images with three Iron Bars that are oriented pointing down and left before sharing.
- They should obstruct any fash symbols but largely should just interrupt sharing of the image as a "clean view" of the hate.
- This can be done on any phone, open an image, select mark-up and use your finger to draw on the general shape.
- On iPhones go to the image and select "Mark-up"
- On Android go to the image and select **markup** 



Familiarize Yourself with Hate Symbols:



RWDS



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White
Lives
Matter



and [unfortunately] many more.....

Google "ADL Hate Symbols"

Things to Keep in-Mind:

- When you're out in public, *assume you're being watched*
- Cover your face for privacy if you feel exposed
- Look at the surfaces for signs of oil, grease, pepper spray and feces, yes even feces. *(Piss Boys carried shit with them and smeared it on one of their installs)*
- **Document material prior to removal** (wide view and close-up)
- **Avoid going alone**, bring as many comrades as you can
- **Before sharing** any imagery of fash content online *remove exif data* (all images contain gps/personal data) and digitally *add three Iron Front arrows across the image* so when alt-right individuals get it (which they will) it interferes with their sharing
- More on all of this later!

Define these Ahead of Time:

- Who's on-watch? Who documents? Who removes?
- What's your exit strategy if confronted by fash?

More Safety Tips:

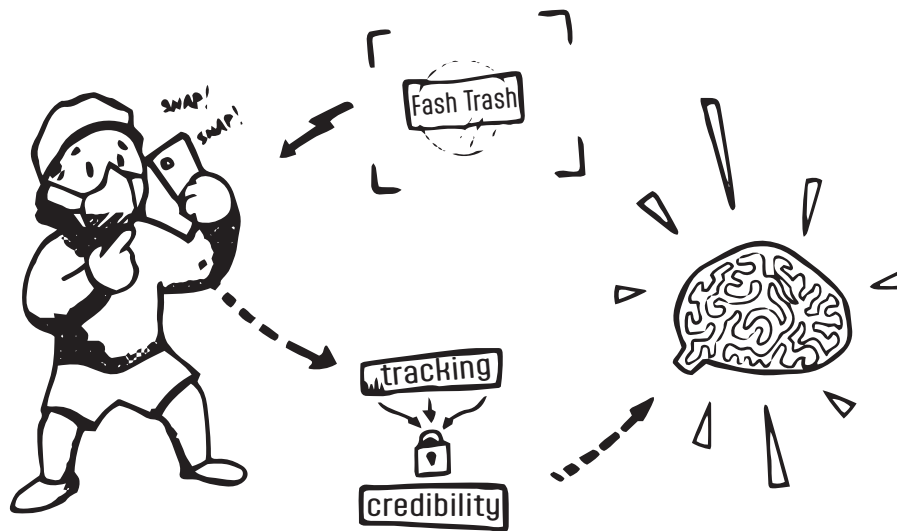
- When focused on the removal don't lose-sight of anyone approaching you from behind/blind areas
- Park cars oriented to exit quickly

Documentation is Important!

- Getting the fash trash down is important but it's **equally important to document it** before you tear it off
- A picture's worth a thousand words
- Databases of Information
- Pictures/Videos of it in-place
- Date & Location
- Anybody seen watching/interfering with removal

Value:

- Journalists will be more likely to write stories when presented with data
- Spread awareness to the community
- Aid comrades locating it if they are near the area

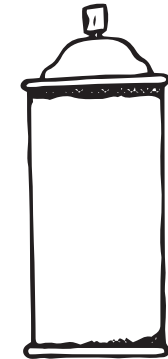


In a Rush or Can't Reach it?

mark-on-anything
Black Marker



good 'ol spraypaint



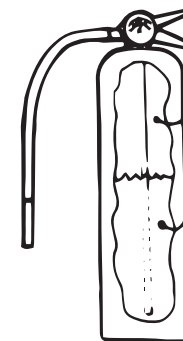
EASY-TO-REACH

this will take prep...

HARD-TO-REACH

Paint-Filled Fire Extinguisher

6L or 9L



Pressurize up to 100psi
(that's what normal compressors go up to)

Fill w/Paint to roughly 70%

Sticker Removal

- Most fash stickers are trash paper stickers or sometimes the splurge on vinyl. Use your razor to scrape them off



Poster Removal

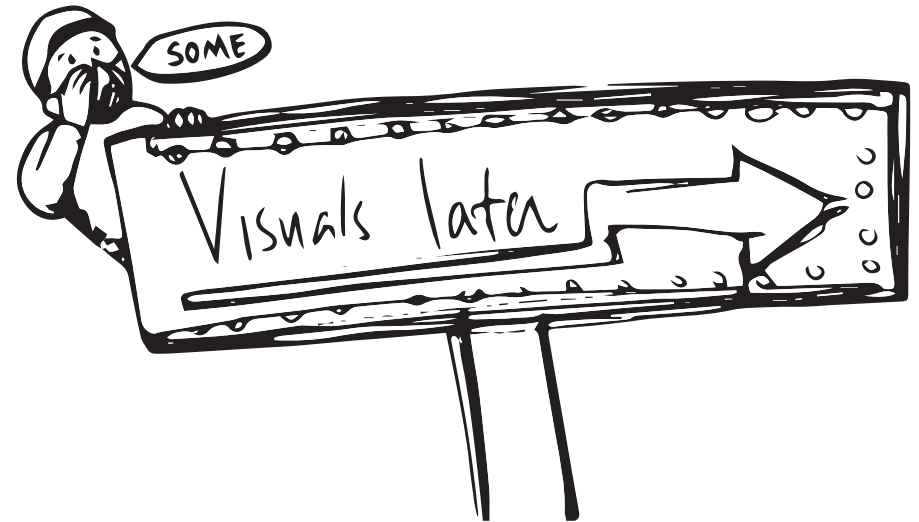
- Paper-adhesive posters are sometimes used to spread propaganda
- Spray them with WD40 or Goo-Gone and let soak for a couple minutes then scrape them off with your razor at a shallow angle
- Rarely-wheatpaste is used, soak it with water before attempting removal

Locations to Look

- **Banners:** Freeway overpasses (fences), Billboards (anywhere where there's large flat spaces)
- **Posters & Stickers:** Stop signs, construction signs, utility boxes, street light posts, gas stations (front door, pumps, advertisements), trashcans, etc.

Things You'll Need:

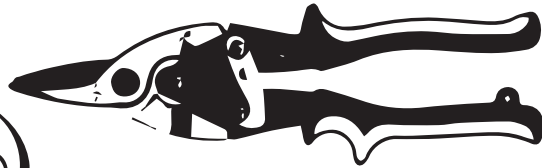
- Flat Razor Blade - **NOT** a box cutter
- Tin Shears or Diagonal Cutters
- WD-40 or Goo-Gone
- Step Stool (3ft/4ft) - If solo
- Mark on Everything Fat Sharpie
- Gloves/mask
- Safety Vest
- Smart Phone



Cutting & Scraping Tools

TIN SHEARS

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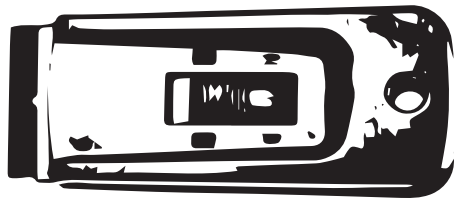
DIAGONAL CUTTERS

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RETRACTABLE RAZOR BLADE

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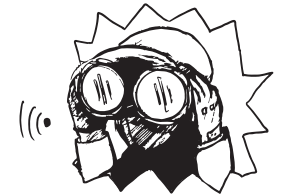
+ EXTRA BLADES

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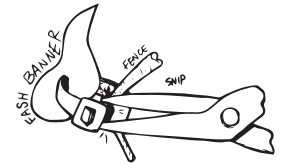
Cheapest @ Harbour Freight

Banner Removal

- Scoped the spot and decided its safe to go for it?
- Check for any red staining present as this may indicate it's been coated in pepper spray



- Cut perimeter zip-ties (all but top two corners). Hold onto them so they don't fall into traffic



- Use a step ladder or a buddy to get up high



- Once all but the top-two are cut get up and over and yank the banner back to the safe-side and cut the final two zip-ties
- Check for fash-stickers and remove
- Make sure you're not being watched and get outta there

