

TREES ON VERGES – FAQs

What type of tree can I have?

Generally, the species of tree recommended will be the same or similar to those already existing and forming the landscape of your street. In the event that a dominant species is not already in existence, a tree suitable for the locality will be recommended. That is, it will be chosen according to such things as environmental conditions, available space and the potential for future interference with electricity, gas, water, telephone and sewage services.

How many trees can I have planted on my verge?

The number of trees permitted on street verges abutting the front property line of residential land is limited to one tree per property. Up to three trees may be planted on street verges abutting the side property line of residential land, if the location is suitable, as determined by the City's Parks Department.

Who will plant the tree?

The City's Parks Department will arrange for the supply and planting of trees on street verges, where a request has been received from residents or ratepayers.

When will the tree be planted?

Trees are planted during the winter months. Requests received from residents or ratepayers during the year are listed for inclusion in the City's winter planting program, which commences during May and concludes during September of each year.

Where on the verge will the tree be planted?

A horticultural officer from the City will determine the exact location for planting of trees at individual sites.

When selecting the planting site, the City's horticultural officer will take into consideration such things as the potential for future interference with electricity, gas, water, telephone and sewerage services and the potential obstruction of pedestrian and of vehicle driver's lines of sight along the street.

Where possible, trees are usually planted on the front verge approximately midway between the side boundaries of the property.

Trees are not planted within six (6) metres of a road junction or intersection.

Who will pay for the cost of planting the tree?

The Council will cover the full cost of purchasing and planting trees on street verges, at no direct cost to those requesting the tree.

Who will maintain the tree on my verge?

After planting, residents are encouraged to water trees until the end of the second summer season. The City will undertake all other maintenance requirements for trees planted and growing in street verges.

If you believe that a tree growing on the street verge requires maintenance, please telephone City's Customer Service Officer on 9411 3444. An horticultural officer from the City will then inspect the tree within five working days, determine if maintenance is necessary and make arrangements for any required work.