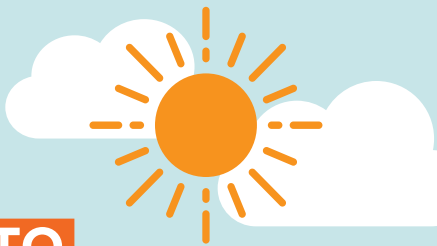


City of  
**Cockburn**



wetlands to waves



# 15 WAYS TO SUSTAINABILITY AT HOME



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## 1

## Building a Sustainable Home

**Access the sustainability checklist and design a home that is smarter and cheaper to run.**

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Explore the three most important decisions when building and discover design basics that can be applied to your house plans.

**Suitable for:** home owners and builders

**More information:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au/sustainablehome](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/sustainablehome)

**“Building a sustainable home is the best decision we ever made. Once you’ve tried eco, you’ll never go back.”**

**– Mary, Munster**



## 2

## Free Street Tree

Under the City's tree planting program you can request a free street tree for the verge in front of your property.

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Street trees provide a range of benefits: they can increase property value, reduce heat in our suburbs and promote wellbeing.

Trees clean the air, create natural screens and provide habitat. They act as wind and noise buffers and reduce the need for air-conditioning.

**Suitable for:** home owners in Cockburn

**Request a tree:** email [customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

**More information:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au/verge](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/verge)  
or 08 9411 3444

**“Our verge was so bare.  
Council planted a few  
ornamental trees and  
now it looks great!”**

**- Scott, Spearwood**



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## Landowner Biodiversity Grants

Rural landowners can apply for a grant to conserve and enhance the natural bushland and wetland areas on their property.

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- Suitable for:** landowners in Cockburn's rural living and resource zones
- Grant value:** \$3,000 per property
- Applications close:** 31 October
- More information:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au/grants](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/grants)

**“Thank you again for your support with the grant and valuable bush maintenance advice during the season.”**

**- Klaus, Beeliar**



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## Wetlands and Wildlife School Holiday Programs

Join a talk, walk or night stalk and explore the natural wonders of Cockburn at the fun school holiday programs run in partnership with The Wetlands Centre Cockburn and Native Arc Inc.

**Suitable for:** families with children 5-12 years  
(occasional 2-5 years activities)

**Happening:** every school holidays

**Tickets cost:** from \$5 per child

**Book online:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au/gwaw](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/gwaw)

**“My favourite activity is observing macro-invertebrates – you can see the underwater critters up close and learn about the health of the wetlands.”**

**- Joshua, Atwell, Age 12**



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## Three Bin System

### Be a Good Sort!

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Here are our top tips to reduce the amount of waste you send to landfill:



**Recycling:** This bin is for items that can be recycled – hard plastic bottles and containers, glass bottles and jars, metal tins, paper and cardboard. The contents of this bin will be sorted and sent for recycling.



**Garden Organics:** This bin is for anything that has grown in your garden – grass clippings, prunings, twigs and leaves. The contents of this bin will be processed into mulch, which you can collect for free from Henderson Waste Recovery Park!



**General Waste:** If it can't be recycled or mulched, put it in this bin. This includes nappies, meat trays, food waste and fabrics.

**More information:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au/3bins](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/3bins)

## BONUS TIPS

**Food waste:** Invest in a compost bin or worm farm to process your food waste at home and create awesome fertiliser for your garden.

**Soft-plastics:** To recycle soft plastics, take them to your local REDcycle collection point. See [redcycle.net.au](http://redcycle.net.au) for locations.

**Batteries, mobile phones, light globes and printer cartridges:** These can be disposed of at your local library (Spearwood, Coolbellup or Success).

**Aerosols:** Drop these off at the Administration Centre or Henderson Waste Recovery Park for safe disposal.

**“Having the three bin system really makes me think about what I’m putting into my bins and where it’s going after the bins are taken away.”**

**– Penny, Hamilton Hill**



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## Travel Smart

Join bike friendly events and social rides.

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**Suitable for:** adults

**Find us on Facebook:** Cockburn Bicycle User Group  
[facebook.com/groups/CoBug](https://facebook.com/groups/CoBug)

**Don't forget to bring:** your bike, helmet and a water bottle

**More information:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au/travelsmart](https://cockburn.wa.gov.au/travelsmart)

**“I joined the Cockburn Bicycle User Group one Sunday and now have others to ride with. I enjoyed exploring the local area and stopping at a coffee shop with them for a rest and a chat half-way.”**

- Cameron, South Lake





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## Native Plant Subsidy

**Green up your garden with discounted local native plants.**

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- Suitable for:** Cockburn residents
- Subsidy value:** purchase up to 20 plants at \$1.50ea
- Available during:** May (until stocks last)
- Nursery Location:** Apace WA, 1 Johannah St  
North Fremantle
- More information:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au/plantsubsidy](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/plantsubsidy)

**“Great selection of plants. Delighted with the price!”**

**- Adam, Hamilton Hill**



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## Home Waste Compost Subsidies

Put your organic household waste to good use by accessing the City's rebates and subsidies on compost bins, Bokashi Bins and worm farms!

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They're a great way of converting your food and garden waste into fertiliser for the garden and help to reduce the amount of waste in your red-lid bin.

**Suitable for:** Cockburn residents

**Proof of residency:** required to access rebates and subsidies

**More information:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au/compostsubsidies](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/compostsubsidies)

**“My worm farm works really efficiently and they'll eat everything: food waste, hair, paper towels.”**

- Mark, Spearwood



**Compost Bin:** \$50 rebate on provision of receipt via online application form

**Bokashi Bin:** Subsidised \$50 purchase price from Administration Building

**Worm Farm:** Subsidised \$85 purchase price upon attendance at a worm farming workshop

**EnsoPet Pet Waste Composter:** Subsidised \$30 purchase price from Administration Building



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## Bird Bath Rebate

Install a bird bath and provide a much needed water supply for local birds like our beautiful endangered Carnaby Black Cockatoos, Wattlebirds and New Holland Honeyeaters.

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**Suitable for:** Cockburn residents

**Rebate value:** 50% towards the cost of a bird bath (up to \$50)

**Available:** all year round. Rebates are paid at the end of the month

**Apply online:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au/birdbath](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/birdbath)

**“I love my bird bath and so do the birds. They came minutes after I put the water in. It is so great that the City encourages these type of initiatives.”**

**– Sam, Hamilton Hill**



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## Free Mulch

**Pick up as much free mulch as you like from Henderson Waste Recovery Park.**

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You don't need to use one of your trailer passes to access the free mulch. Please bring your own shovel as Henderson Waste Recovery Park staff are unable to help you load the mulch into your vehicle.

- Suitable for:** everyone
- Available:** all year
- Location:** 920 Rockingham Road, Wattleup
- Don't forget to bring:** a ute or trailer and a shovel to load the mulch
- More information:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au/henderson](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/henderson)

**“Love the convenience of picking up a trailer of mulch after dropping off my waste.”**

**- David, Coogee**



## Sustainable Living Workshops and Events

Come along to one of the many fun-filled workshops on gardening, simple living, sustainable home design and more.

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Be inspired and meet amazing experts who bring these workshops to life. Be the first to know about these events by signing up to the Sustainable Living eNews.

- Suitable for:** a variety of ages
- Tickets:** many events are free, some attract a small fee
- Sustainable eNews:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au/enews](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/enews)
- Event bookings:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au/events](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/events)



**“I love these events. It’s fun  
to learn new skills and meet  
like-minded people.”**

**- Nicki, North Coogee**

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## Sustainable Living Resources

Explore a great range of brochures and guides on topics such as waterwise gardens, growing local plants and sustainable home design. Borrow a 'Home Energy Assessment Toolkit' from your local Cockburn Library.

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**Suitable for:** everyone

**More information:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au)

**“The Grow Local Planting guide saved me so much time when selecting suitable native plants for my new waterwise verge.”**

– Tim, Hamilton Hill





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## Home Eco Audit

Take advantage of a free in-home audit and free hardware to help reduce your energy, water and gas bills.

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**Suitable for:** homeowners and renters in Cockburn

**Available:** from July each year

**Register:** [customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

**More information:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au/ecoaudit](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/ecoaudit)

**“I would recommend an Eco Audit to anyone who is interested in the environment and saving money.”**

- Julie, Hamilton Hill



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## Waterwise Verge Rebate Program

Convert your verge into a Waterwise haven with the assistance of the verge rebate program funded by Water Corporation and the City of Cockburn.


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**Suitable for:** homeowners in Cockburn

**Rebate value:** \$500 - \$750 per application  
(size dependant)

**Rebate available:** during winter

**Apply online:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au/verge](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/verge)

An illustration of a lush garden scene. On the left, a large tree with a brown trunk and a full, rounded canopy of light green leaves stands prominently. In the foreground, there is a variety of green plants, including several tall, thin stalks with pinkish-red flowers and clusters of low-lying, rounded green shrubs. The ground is depicted with a light green lawn area and a tan-colored path or driveway on the right side. The background is a clear, light blue sky with a white cloud on the far left.

**“This program has allowed us to create amazing habitat encouraging local wildlife into our garden like bobtails, native bees and many birds. It has also added value and appeal to our home.”**

**– Garth, Yangebup**

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## Sustainability Grants

Grab a neighbour and apply for a sustainability grant of up to \$4,000 to kick-start an eco project in Cockburn.

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Collective households (2 or more home owners in a neighbourhood) can apply for projects such as waterwise verge makeovers, community gardens, and more.

**Suitable for:** Cockburn residents (collective households), small business, schools and community groups

**Grant value:** \$4,000 per application

**Applications close:** 31 March

**More information:** [cockburn.wa.gov.au/grants](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/grants)

**“Applying for the grant was a simple process. I’m impressed by how much financial support is available for sustainability projects in the City.”**

**– Wendy, Goodstart  
Cockburn Central**



For more information on sustainable living in Cockburn,  
phone 08 9411 3444, email [customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au)  
or visit [cockburn.wa.gov.au](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au)

All programs and rebates are subject to availability.

