



## Landscaping on the Council Verge

(Including lawn, garden beds, mulch and artificial turf)

*This fact sheet provides specific information for landscaping on the Council verge. General information that also applies to working on a road is available on Council's website.*

Please note letterboxes, retaining walls and landscape rocks are generally not approved for placement on Council verges.

### LAWNS

A design needs to be submitted with your application, including species and location of the lawn. When selecting the species of lawn, consideration should be given to low water use or native species, the lawn should not be a weed species or potential environmental weed.

Lawn areas shall be constructed to conform to the existing gradients and existing infrastructure levels and no changes in level should occur that could cause a trip point on the verge area. The property owner is responsible for irrigating and cutting of the lawn. Inadequate maintenance of the lawn could result in Council applying herbicide to the area.

### ARTIFICIAL TURF

A design needs to be submitted with the application form showing the area of artificial turf and no changes in level should occur that could cause a trip point on the verge area. Artificial turf is not to be installed within 300 mm of street trees.

The artificial turf should be pervious to water to ensure adequate moisture levels below the turf for the purpose of watering the street trees through natural rainfall.

### GARDEN BEDS AND MULCH

A design needs to be submitted with your application, including a species list and positioning of plants. The planting of new vegetation is restricted to plants less than 500mm in height and should not be environmentally invasive, prickly, climbers or a weed species.

The design should allow for passengers to alight from vehicles parked at the kerbside. Space also needs to be allocated for the placement of garbage bins for the collection service. In the absence of a made footpath in front of the property an area of 1.5m minimum width is to be left adjacent the kerb for pedestrian traffic (this area may be mulched).

The property owner will be responsible for maintenance of landscaping, keeping it clear of footpaths, drains and driveway crossovers. Vegetation shall not block vision when reversing from driveways in the street to ensure a safe pedestrian and vehicle access.



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