



Street Trees

The City has the following objectives in regard to Street Trees:

- encourage the planting of appropriate tree species throughout the City
- guide decisions regarding the planting, management and removal of street trees
- ensure the protection of existing trees
- identify management responsibilities
- provide consistent advice about street trees.

Street Tree Planting

Residents wishing to request or plant trees in a verge area **must** contact the City.

Many tree species are not suitable for verge planting and can cause damage to underground services, footpaths and roads. In some instances trees cannot be planted due to restrictions presented by overhead service wires, insufficient space on the verge or blocking sight lines for motorists.

In most instances one tree will be provided for the front verge of a property, however for corner lots, where suitable space allows, two trees may be provided.

The species of trees for a street may already be determined by existing plantings.

Tree Pruning or Removal

Residents and ratepayers are **prohibited** from removing, pruning or tampering in any way with street trees.

If you are having issues with a street tree contact the City on 9397 3000 and an inspection of the tree will determine any actions that are required.

Trees will only be removed where conditions warrant and other management options are not available.

Most trees once they are established do not require further pruning.

Scheduled Tree Pruning

Regular pruning of street trees growing near power supply wires is necessary. This work is carried out from January to May to ensure compliance with Western Power requirements and prior to the onset of winter. The minimum clearance to low voltage wires in suburban streets is 600mm. The minimum clearance to the feed wire to your home is 300mm.

Trees on Private Property

Issues arising from trees growing on private property are often of concern for residents on neighbouring properties. The City can provide advice on how these matters may be remediated. In many cases this may be as simple as discussing your concerns with your neighbour. This usually results in a mutually beneficial outcome and agreement on the management of the tree.

In some instances, where trees may present an unacceptable level of risk to an adjoining property, when verified in an Arborist's report, the City may place a works order on the tree in order to have it rendered safe.