

Street Trees

Street trees add value to property as well as breaking up the line of the built environment, helping it to blend with the surrounding landscape. Council retains the responsibility to maintain trees as required and should residents wish to plant trees on the nature strip in front of their property, they are required to obtain approval from Council.

Whilst Council encourages private land owners to help beautify streetscapes, it cautions that appropriate species selection is essential to ensure the planting is an asset, not a liability. Inappropriate selections can result in damage to infrastructure as well as hindering pedestrian access and line of sight for motorists at intersections and driveway access.

The following tree types cannot be used as plantings on Council owned or controlled land:

- Poplars
- Willows
- Inappropriate Eucalypts
- Pines including all large Conifers
- Coprosma – Mirror bush
- Pittosporum Undulatum (Native Daphne)
- Cotoneaster
- Any species listed as either Weeds of National Significance under the National Weed Strategy or Declared Weeds under the Tasmanian Weed Management Act 1999.

Land owners must only plant in the road reserve upon written request and subsequent Council approval. Visit Council's website or contact Council to obtain a Tree Planting Request Form to apply for planting permission.

It is imperative to identify the location of services in the street via a 'Dial before you dig' before planting.

Care must also be taken when planting over easements or Council drains as the roots of a tree can damage pipes and larger trees can hinder access and sight lines.

Suggested Street Tree Species (but not limited to)

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height	Spread	Deciduous? (Y/N)
Agonis flexuosa	Willow Myrtle	10 m	6 m	N
Angophora costata	Apple Gum	15-20 m	10-15 m	N
Callistemon salignus	Willow Bottlebrush	6-7 m	4 m	N
Callistemon viminalis	Weeping Bottlebrush	6-8 m	4-8 m	N
Eucalyptus nicholii	Narrow Leaved Peppermint	12-16 m	10-15 m	N
Malus ioensis "Plena"	Betchel Crab Apple	6-8 m	5-7 m	Y
Malus ioensis "rubra"	Iowa Crab Apple	6-8 m	5-7 m	Y
Meleluca linariifolia	Snow in Summer	6-10 m	4-8 m	N
Prunus cerasifera "Nigra"	Purple Leafed Cherry Plum	5-6 m	4-5 m	Y
Tristania nerrifolia	Water Gum	5 m	3 m	N
Ulmus glabra "Lutescens"	Golden Elm	12 m	8 m	Y

Why Plant Street Trees?

Council recognises that trees and associated vegetation form an integral component of the natural environment, and:

- Provide a habitat for fauna
- Maintain or improve air quality by reducing greenhouse gases and carbon dioxide
- Blend new development with the established environment
- May have heritage values, and
- Provide a pleasing vista in our streets and may provide a distinctive "local character" for certain

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Maintenance of Street Trees

Residents can assist Council in maintaining a pleasant streetscape by:

Watering:

This should be done twice a week for the first four weeks following planting, then once a week for the next eight weeks and any further watering needed would depend on weather conditions.

Remedial work:

Remedial work includes the removal of the stakes after six months of the trees being planted. Pruning of the trees would also be beneficial to ensure that the desired shape of the tree is maintained.

Mulching:

Newly planted trees should be mulched to reduce water loss and to help control weeds. Do not place the mulch directly in contact with the trunk of the plants as this can encourage collar rot and other diseases.

Council will monitor the condition of street trees and where necessary arrange for them to be trimmed.



Complaints and Requests

In the case of a severe weather event or storm, or for maintenance issues with street and reserves trees, contact Council on 6443 8333. Your request will be prioritised based on the location of the tree and the extent of the defect.

Council can clear dangerous street trees with your help if you contact us on 6443 8333 and indicate the location and size of the street tree.

Council will not be responsible to take any action for trees on non-Council controlled land. These trees may be subject to the provisions of the Waratah-Wynyard Planning Scheme and/or State or Federal legislation. Please contact Council's Development Services Department on 6443 8316 for further information.



Frequently Asked Questions

Can I plant a tree on Council land?

Council permission is required and Council will nominate selected species that can be used.

What distance should the tree be planted from the road and footpath?

Trees should be planted no less than 1.5m from the back of the kerb, no less than 1 metre from a fence and no less than 1 metre from a property retaining wall.

Can I prune or remove a street tree?

You must not prune or remove a street tree without Council permission. This includes trees on Council land overhanging a footpath or boundary.

Can I prune branches from another private property?

We suggest you speak to your neighbour about what can be done.

Will Council remove a tree that has nuts and berries or has blossom?

Council will not remove existing trees on Council controlled land purely on the basis of a personal perception that the tree species is unsuitable.

My street tree appears to be diseased, what can be done? Contact Council on 6443 8333 and the tree will be inspected by a qualified horticulturist.

I have problems with boundary trees and power line clearances, who is responsible?

Existing or proposed trees situated on non-Council controlled property are not covered by Council's Tree Management Policy. Council suggests you contact the adjoining owner and Aurora direct.

The Street Trees opposite my home block my view, can I have them removed?

Council will not remove existing trees for this reason.