

Verge Policy – Verge maintenance

Residents are encouraged to maintain the verge adjacent to their property for their own benefit and the benefit of their community within the verge guidelines as follows:

- the mature height of vegetation other than trees or indigenous mid-storey plants such as grass trees or banksias must be maintained below 500mm
- in areas of high visibility where a property owner or resident is not inclined to maintain the verge adjacent to their property, the City will mow (once only) the verge annually to ensure public safety and to maintain a level of amenity.

Verge development application guidelines

The underlying principle of the City's approach to managing verges in the road reserve is to encourage residents to:

- install and maintain soft landscaping which contributes to the aesthetic presentation of the streetscape
- apply sound environmental consideration to verge development through utilising low water demand plantings of species indigenous to the local area
- minimise the use of impervious surfaces to encourage infiltration of ground water where it falls
- meet requirements for safety and protect the City's obligations for duty of care.

The City of Subiaco Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law 2014 provides the foundation for the City of Subiaco's Verge Policy and management guidelines.

Residents do not require approval to install the following verge treatments, provided the verge policy management guidelines are adhered to:

- organic mulch
- low-growing water wise verge gardens
- a natural lawn at a grade consistent with existing kerbs and footpaths.

Residents require pre-approval for the following verge treatments:

- excavation to any portion of the verge to any depth greater than 50mm
- installation of irrigation
- installation of any paving or hard surface
- planting a street tree.

The City offers three services as part of its verge assistance scheme; verge development assistance, plant subsidy and a landscape design advice subsidy.

For further information, please refer to the City's Verge Policy management guidelines.