

Street Tree Care and Maintenance

The following information is provided to answer your questions regarding the supply and maintenance responsibilities of street trees within City of Mandurah. This information sheet should be read in conjunction with the City of Mandurah Street Verge Development Policy.

1.0 Street Verge Responsibilities

Who owns and maintains the street verge land?

A street verge is part of the road reserve and is land that is not owned by any one person or organisation. The City is responsible for the control of development of street verges and encourages the landowner to develop and maintain the verge area in front of their property within the guidelines determined by the City's Local Laws relating to the street verge.

Property owners are responsible for the care and maintenance of the verge adjacent to their property. The selection, supply and maintenance of street trees is the responsibility of the City. Individuals or groups are not permitted to plant trees on the street verge.

2.0 Supply of Street trees

How do owners obtain trees for the verge?

The City will provide and plant trees on the street verge upon the completion of an application form by the property owner.

Requests for street tree planting are accepted all year round but will only be implemented during the winter planting season between May and July. Requests received after April 31 will be scheduled for the subsequent planting season

In order to establish a consistent streetscape, street tree species will be allocated by the City officers in accordance with existing or intended street tree themes.

Please note that the quantity, location, alignment and spacing of street trees provided for your property, will be elected by City officers, dependent on site the assessment.

3.0 Street Tree Care and Maintenance

Watering

For successful planting in Western Australia's arid climate young street trees must be watered. You are encouraged to give your tree minimum 50Lt water per week to promote vigorous growth.

Pruning

Pruning of street trees may become necessary where branches overhang roads, footpaths or private property, to improve pedestrian and motorist sight lines. Pruning can only be carried out by authorised City of Mandurah staff or contractors.

Removal

The removal of street trees which are dead, diseased, in a dangerous condition or are causing substantial property damage are assessed by City staff. Removal of the tree must be approved.

Specialist contractors are employed to remove stumps which may sometimes lead to delays between tree and stump removal.

4.0 Tree work that the Council will not approve:

- Removal of healthy, stable and viable trees
- Removal of trees to improve or create views.
- Removal or pruning of trees shading lawns or gardens, and or inhibiting grass growth
- Removal of trees to facilitate driveway crossings where other options are available
- Removal or pruning of trees to reduce fruit fall, leaf fall, sap drop, bird droppings or similar
- Removal or pruning to increase street lighting onto private property
- Pruning of trees contrary to Australian Standard 4373-2007 "Pruning of Amenity Trees"
- Chemical pest control except termite treatment where necessary.

All pruning work will be carried out in accordance with Australian Standards 4373-2007 'Pruning of Amenity Trees', where possible.

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