



CITY OF VINCENT

WHY ARE STREET TREES AND STREET VERGES SO IMPORTANT?



GUIDELINES & COMMON QUESTIONS

DO I REQUIRE APPROVAL?

Yes. The proposed verge beautification design, including a list of plant species, should be submitted to the City's Parks Services section for approval prior to the commencement of any works.

PLANT SPECIES SELECTION

The selected plant species should not be prickly, have spines or be known to be poisonous or cause allergic reactions. We encourage the use of local native waterwise plants. Native Plant Sales are held in spring and autumn each year and all plants available are subsidised (residents only). Feel free to subscribe to our e-newsletters, like us on facebook or contact Parks Services to learn when these sales are on.

Using local native plants provides significant benefits, including providing habitat for local fauna and beneficial insects. Local native plants have adapted over many years to tolerate and thrive in our harsh local conditions. The City recommends consulting the Grow Local Plants brochure for our West Coastal region. This brochure is available at the City's Administration and Civic Centre or Library or by visiting our streetscapes web page. Don't forget, you can always contact Parks Services with any queries.

LANDSCAPING FEATURES

No materials or structures such as fencing, raised planter beds, mounds, rocks, pea-gravel, brick rubble or stacked bricks are permitted on the verge as they may prevent safe pedestrian access. Incorporating paving into the design will be considered by the Engineering Design Services section.

FERTILISING

If required, slow release fertilisers are recommended for use on verge gardens. Slow release fertiliser is the most efficient form of fertiliser in Perth's sandy soils.



MULCHING

Mulching the verge is permitted and encouraged by the City. The type of mulch should be specified as part of the proposed design submitted to the City, however chunky mulches are preferred.

CHEMICALS

Weed, pest and disease control by chemical application should be limited. The City recommends that caution be taken if any chemicals are used to ensure the safety of pedestrians and nearby residents.



RECOMMENDED PLANT SPECIES FOR VERGE BEAUTIFICATION ARE:

FOR A FULL LIST, PLEASE VISIT OUR STREETSCAPES WEB PAGE:
WWW.VINCENT.WA.GOV.AU/STREETSCAPES

COMMON NAME:	BOTANICAL NAME:	HEIGHT:	FLOWER COLOUR:	FLOWERING TIME:
SHRUBS (LESS THAN 1M)				
Hairy Jug-flower	Adenanthos Barbigerus	1	Scarlet	Mar-Nov
Common Dampiera	Dampiera Linearis	0.5	Indigo	Jul-Nov
Couch Honeypot	Dryandra Lindleyana	low g	Old	May-Sep
Tarbush	Eremophila Glabra	0.5-1	Orange	Mar-Dec
Seaspray	Grevillea Preissii	0.5-1	Red	Jun-Sep
Spider-net Grevillea	Grevillea Thelmanniana	0.4-1	Pink, Red	May-Sep
Stalked Guinea-flower	Hibbertia Racemosa	0.3	Yellow	Jul-Nov
Common Hovea	Hovea Trisperma	0.7	Purple	Jun-Sep
Swan River Myrtle	Hypocalymma Robustum	1	Pale-Deep Pink	Jul-Oct
Cushion Bush	Leucophyta Brownii	0.5	Yellow	All Year
Purple Daisybush	Olearia Rudis	1	Blue, Mauve	May-Dec
Coast Banjine	Pimelea Ferruginea	1	Pink	Sep-Nov
Berry Saltbush	Rhagodia Baccata	0.5	Red	Mar-Jun
Bushy Featherflower	Verticordia Densiflora	1	Pink, White	Nov-Jan
PERENNIAL HERBS				
Catspaw	Anigozanthos Humilis	0.5	Orange	Aug-Oct
Kangaroo Paw	Anigozanthos Manglesii	1	Red & Green	Sep-Nov
Grey Cottonheads	Conostylis Candicans	0.5	Yellow	Aug-Sep
Blueberry Lily	Dianella Revoluta	1	Purple	Sep-Jan
Purple Flag	Patersonia Occidentalis	0.5	Purple	Sep-Oct

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When it comes to streetscapes, the City must maintain a specific character and composition for all Vincent verges for a number of reasons including public safety, environmental health and climate factors, maintenance, traffic needs, powerlines and aesthetics. For full details, please visit our streetscapes web page: www.vincent.wa.gov.au/streetscapes

STREET VERGES



WHAT IS A STREET VERGE?

The verge is the area between the road, your property and the property next door. Please note that the verge is 'Crown Land' under the care, control and management of the Council.

WHO MAINTAINS THE STREET VERGE?

Generally, verges are the responsibility of the land owner or occupier and we strongly encourage residents and tenants to care for their verge in order to increase the aesthetics of their property and the street. However, the City does maintain all street verge trees and verges that form part of a 'streetscape' or 'greening' plan.

WHAT CAN BE PLANTED ON THE STREET VERGE?

Vegetation (excluding a Street Tree) may be planted on verges, such as groundcovers and small shrubs. However they must meet the criteria set by the City in the Verge Policy and be approved by the City's officers prior to planting/installation. The Verge Policy includes restrictions on height, plant species, reticulation and other factors

STREET TREES

A Street Tree is any tree that is planted on the verge. The City will select, plant, prune, remove and maintain all Street Trees to ensure appropriate care and uniformity within the streetscape. Please do not plant or prune any Street Trees on the verge. To request a street tree for your verge, please contact our Parks Services team.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our streetscapes web page:

WWW.VINCENT.WA.GOV.AU/STREETSCAPES

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OUR PARKS SERVICES TEAM IS ALWAYS HAPPY TO CHAT WITH RESIDENTS ABOUT THESE AND ANY OTHER PARKS OR HORTICULTURAL MATTERS.

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