



Tree Planting on Footpaths – A Guide To Ratepayers

The planting of trees and shrubs on footpaths and nature strips is encouraged by Council. Set out below are a few simple rules regarding the positioning of these trees/shrubs and the methods of planting.

Rules for Positioning of Trees and Shrubs

1. Planting shall not occur in the area 0m to 3m from the boundary line of the property.
2. Planting shall not occur within 1m of the continuation of the boundary line between two properties.
3. Planting shall not occur within 1.5m from the edge of any driveway, whether it has been constructed or not.
4. Planting shall not occur within 3m of any power or lighting pole so that access to the pole is obstructed.
5. Planting shall not occur within 9m of a corner in order that motorists' sight distance is not obstructed.
6. Trees shall be planted a minimum of 6m apart.
7. It is important that trees do not interfere with overhead wires and that their root systems do not displace underground services, kerb and gutter or path paving.
8. It is necessary to obtain written permission from the Roads and Traffic Authority for all tree planting on the Great Western Highway.

Rules for Planting

1. It is important that a sufficiently large hole is dug for the tree before planting, in order to give it a good start and to avoid it becoming root bound.
2. The excavated soil shall be mixed with leaf mould, composted animal manure or artificial fertilizer before replacement in the hole, or replaced with good quality topsoil.
3. A regular soaking shall be given to the trees at least once a week in dry weather for the first two years after planting.
4. Adequate staking and an approved tree guard shall be provided to each tree.