



# Permissible Verge Treatments

The following verge treatments are **Not Permitted** under any circumstances:

- Any obstruction, other than a temporary enclosure – see over
- Any impervious materials
- Bollards, star pickets and rocks
- Barriers
- Fruit trees
- Bitumen
- Loose materials that can be a tripping hazard, for example, rocks, or crushed brick
- Mowing kerbs where they are not flush with the ground level

**Permitted** materials for your verge are:

- Lawn – an area of mown and cultivated grass
- Artificial lawn
- Reticulation
- Plants – not of a thorny, poisonous or hazardous nature
- Brick paving
- Organic mulch
- Wood chips
- Compacted limestone
- A garden

Conditions:

1. Clear sight visibility must be maintained at all times for persons using the thoroughfare.
2. When there is no footpath on the verge, there must always be a clear pedestrian access of 2 metres from the kerb.
3. The verge can be planted, so long as the groundcovers and or shrubs have a maximum height of 600mm with no thorns and are not poisonous or dangerous.
4. Reticulation – Any water pipes and sprinklers are to be laid beneath the surface of the verge and must not protrude above the ground level surface.
5. Although approval can be given for only woodchips/mulch and no plants, for aesthetic reasons plants are preferred, as they play an important role in keeping the mulch in place and from stopping it blowing or being washed away.
6. Artificial lawn is permitted where it is installed to manufacturer's specifications. The resident has complete responsibility for its upkeep and maintenance. The City's preference is for residents to leave a clearance of



2m between the base of the street tree and the artificial lawn, to minimise any impact future growth of the tree may have on the artificial lawn.

7. Street trees – Residents are able to request the planting of a tree for the verge adjoining their property. The species of tree will be in accordance with the City's Approved Tree List and will be planted, by the City, during the winter season. Any tree enquiries should be referred to Tree Services.
8. Variations to this list for rural areas will be assessed on a case by case basis.
9. When paving the verge, the City's preference is for residents to leave a clearance of 2m between the base of the street tree and the paving, to minimise any impact future growth of the tree may have on the paving.

### **Obstructions or barriers**

Star pickets and rocks are **not** to be placed on a verge under any circumstances.

No barriers or other obstructions are permitted on the verge, other than a temporary enclosure consisting of posts and rope to assist in establishing or top dressing a lawn. The posts must be 25mm x 25mm timber stakes, approximately 1m high and the rope fixed in such a way as not to be hazardous. Once the lawn has been established, the rope and posts must be removed.

Where the City of Gosnells has to carry out works on the verge such as drainage repairs the City is not obligated to reinstate the verge treatment if it does not comply.

Artificial lawn and brick paving may have to be removed or cut to make way for these works and which the City of Gosnells may not reinstate. These verge treatments are installed with the owners of the property being responsible for reinstatement and are installed at their own risk.

### **Thoroughfares & Public Places Local Law 2021**

Clause 2.8(1) states that "a person shall not install or maintain a verge treatment that which is not a permissible verge treatment".

When the City of Gosnells gives notice to alter a verge treatment or remove a non-permissible verge treatment, under clause 9.1, it is an offence not to comply with the notice and under clause 9.2, the City may do what was specified in the notice and recover the cost from doing so from the notice recipient.



**Examples of Non-Permissible verge treatments**



**Rocks, star pickets and plants that are higher than 600mm.**



**Raised paving edges**



Loose stones