



Nature strip Guidelines Nature strip gardening checklist

If you cannot answer yes to the checklist, contact Council to find out how you can plant your nature strip or find another option for gardening.

I am planting on the grassed nature strip outside my home / business.	
I have spoken to my neighbours.	
I have checked any underground services by contacting Dial Before You Dig on 1100 or online at www.1100.com.au .	
I will follow the guidance for grass removal and preparing the garden bed, so no tree roots are damaged.	
I will keep taller plants 30 cm away from the footpath and only plant grass-replacement groundcovers in this area.	
If there is parallel parking, I will keep a 50 cm offset beside the kerb clear and leave a wider offset for a part of the nature strip and only plant grass-replacement groundcovers in these areas.	
If there is angle parking, I will keep a 1.2 m wide area clear every 5.5 m to allow people to access the footpath from the kerb. I will keep these areas trip free with a mulch surface, grass or grass-replacement ground cover.	
I will keep an area suitable for rubbish bin collection.	
I will keep 1.5 m clear space around service pits, storm water pits, power poles, fire hydrants and service pillars and will only grow grass or a grass replacement ground cover or have mulch in these areas.	
I will keep a radius of 1.5 m or 3 times the trunk diameter (whichever is greater) free of planting surrounding the tree trunk, and only apply an organic mulch in this area	
I will keep the soil level the same below the tree canopy and not mound soil, mulch or grass clippings against the tree trunk.	
I am aware that soil contamination is common across Port Phillip and that contaminants can transfer when gardening via direct skin contact, or by inhaling airborne dust when digging and can also transfer to edible plants. I understand that Council recommends you do not eat plants grown directly in your nature strip.	
I am improving my nature strip with plants only and not including any objects or structures, prickly or poisonous plants or weed species.	