

Roadside Verges



Council's Role

- Many residents wish to maintain the verge area in front of their property to a standard that is higher than that of Councils. Council acknowledges a resident's right to enhance the visual appeal of their property to suit their individuality and has introduced some clear information to allow them to do so appropriately. Where a resident is unable or chooses not to develop the verge in front of their property Council will continue to maintain this area to a set standard.
- Council seeks to work collaboratively with developers of new land developments to communicate to residents their potential encumbrance requirements and that Council promote the development of verges by residents in accordance with Council's Verge Development by Residents Policy
- Council standard operational level of service is for weed spraying on undeveloped verges throughout the town 4 times a year, subject to seasonal conditions, street trees can be planted by Council on request through the CRM system.

Definition

- Roads that are under the ownership, care and control of the Town of Gawler include a verge area between the roadway and the boundary to private property. This area is commonly referred to as the verge or nature strip. Residents who wish to develop the verge area can do so following Council's Verge Development by Residents Policy

Minimum Requirement for Acceptance

- The landscaping includes an area that can be safely traversed by pedestrians. This area must have a clear width of 1.5m or 2.5m per shared pedestrian walkway and must be continuous across the frontage of the property;
- The 1.5 or 2.5m pedestrian strip mentioned above must be constructed using approved materials. Reference 'Council Standard Maintenance Service Level'; and
- A resident must ensure that the type of plant and/or shrub species used to landscape the verge does not exceed 500mm in height when matured. Selected species must not have any spikes or thorns.
- Councils standard operational level of service calls for finished verges with clean soil material in verges such that future gardens can be developed by residents extending into verges.

Any landscaping design must not:

- prevent Council or any other service authority from installing new or maintaining existing services;
- prevent Council from planting street trees;
- prevent Council from installing new footpaths; or
- include any concrete, impervious membrane, coarse mulch, stones, river pebbles, raised edging or moss rocks or any structures such as fences and walls.

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Checklist

The following table outlines the types of verges that are accepted and not accepted by Council. This is determined by what type of roadway your verge is located on.

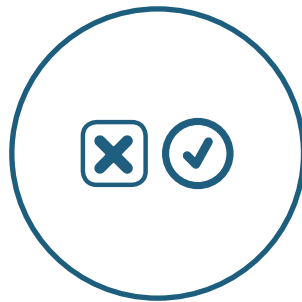
Standard Verge Treatments	Council's Role (maintenance)	Accepted (if authorised by council)	Not Acceptable
Arterial Roads			
Collector Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Street Trees – Hard pavements to Council Standards, refer to Design Manual – Soft pavements to Council Standards, refer to Design Manual – Street signage – Council street furniture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Low planting – Lawn – Irrigation (sub-surface or pop-up) – Art + Signage - pending approval 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Planting higher than 0.5m – Large stones e.g. moss rocks – Impervious materials to entire area – Structures (wall+fencing) – Unapproved street trees
Local Roads			
Access Roads			

Process

Prior to commencing any landscaping the resident is required to submit a landscaping proposal to Council for approval. This proposal must include a signed application ensuring the resident agrees to Council's terms and conditions. If a resident landscapes the verge the ongoing maintenance of the landscape remains the responsibility of the resident. Council reserves the right to remove any landscaping development deemed not to be adequately maintained.



Submit an application to Council outlining your proposed verge improvements.



Assessment of applications by Council



Once granted approval, you can commence works.