

HUME CITY COUNCIL NATURE STRIP Landscaping and Planting Information sheet

Before you start

A Council permit is required to conduct any landscaping or planting on a nature strip. Health and safety principles must be adhered to.

Nature Strip Guidelines

This information sheet is a one page summary. Please also read the Nature Strip Guidelines. The guidelines and permit application forms can be found at www.hume.vic.gov.au/naturestrips

Important Information

- A 1 metre buffer is required from the kerb. This is to provide for bin collection and to enable people to safely cross the road.
- To ensure the safe line of sight for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, plant low growing species (maximum height 400mm) and maintain as appropriate. No trees are to be planted. Do not plant underneath the street tree.
- Vegetation must not block or cover existing Council footpaths, storm water inlets, kerbs, other Council assets, service authority access points.
- Consider your plant choices. Plants should be easy to maintain, non-poisonous, non-weedy, not cause common allergies. **Edible plants are eaten at your own risk.** The soil may be contaminated and there could be pollution from vehicles. Edible plants may be harvested by others.
- Nature strips contain underground services such as telephone, gas, water and power. Obtain a free Dial Before you Dig report online at www.1100.com.au or by calling 1100. Note that services may not be in locations indicated. **Residents will be liable for any damage to services.** Careful digging and having the services located are recommended.

- Please note: service companies (like water or electricity) may need to dig up nature strip plantings to access services. These companies are not required to reinstate the planting as it was (this would be at your cost).
- For pedestrian safety, please do not install fencing, stakes, rocks, sleepers, retaining walls, or netting and keep the area clear of dead plants and other trip hazards.
- Discuss your plans with your neighbours and owners of the property (if applicable) and seek their support.
- Do not commence any work on your nature strip until your application has been approved by Council.
- Approved landscaping must be maintained.

Self-assessment checklist:

- Complete all parts of the application form
- Attach a design plan that complies with the guidelines
- Include a photograph(s) of the proposed location
- Attach written permission from the owner (if applicable)

Questions?

Parks and Open Space officers can provide advice. Please contact Council on 9205 2200.

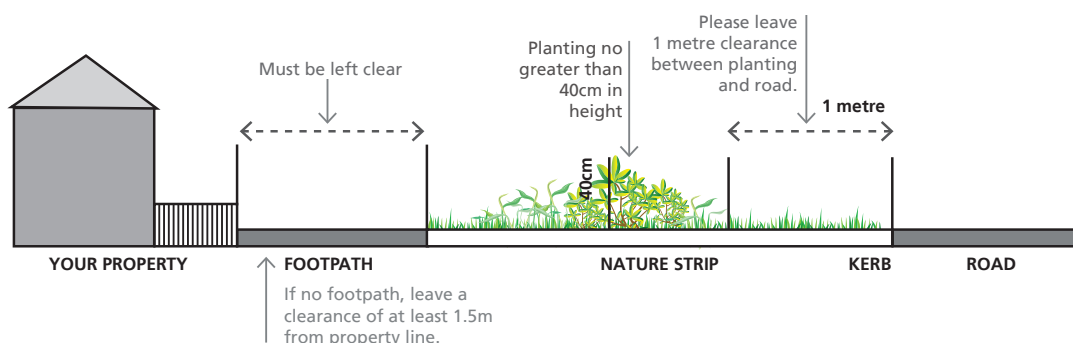
Remember

The resident bears all costs for materials, installation, upkeep and removal if moving from the premises. Council reserves the right to remove any landscaping if it is not appropriately maintained.

Further information

For food growing please consider Hume's Community Gardens: www.hume.vic.gov.au/communitygardens

For plant selection please see Sustainable Gardening booklet: www.hume.vic.gov.au/livegreenfactsheets



For more information about naturestrip planting in Hume:

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www.hume.vic.gov.au/naturestrip

