

VERGE MAINTENANCE

What is the verge?

The verge is the area between the road, your property and the property next door. Please note that the verge is 'Crown Land' under the care, control and management of the Council.

Who maintains the verge?

The maintenance of the verge is generally the responsibility of the adjacent land owner or occupier.

Certain exceptions may apply at council discretion (generally based on property boundaries that adjoin public open spaces).

Verge maintenance schedule

The Town is unable to accommodate requests for verge mowing and maintenance or to attend individual properties.

Verge planting and irrigation proposals

Verge planting and irrigation proposals require approval from the Town prior to installation. Information regarding verge use and applying for verge treatments & irrigation can be found here:

- Public Places & Local Government Property Local Law 2016 (available online)
- Factsheet – Guidelines on Works near the Verge, Requirements for Verge Works (available online)
- Verge Treatment Policy 3.2.4 (available online)

Street tree maintenance / pruning

Council reserves the right to prune, plant, or remove any tree or trees on its land or within Council's verge, which it deems necessary. Pruning of verge trees will only be carried out by Council or Council's contractor on those trees that cause an adverse impact.

For additional information regarding street trees, please view Council Policy 4.2.1 (available on our website)

Weed spraying

The Town is committed to reducing chemical use to minimise environmental impact and any potential impact on people. The Town does not include weed spraying of verges as part of general verge maintenance. If the land owner or occupier sees the need for weed control on the verge, they are permitted to treat the verge as required.



Pest control

For the same reasons as weed spraying, the Town does not include chemical pest control as part of general verge maintenance (with the exception of diseased street trees). If the land owner or occupier sees the need for pest control on the verge, they are permitted to treat the verge as required. If you suspect your street tree is diseased or has a pest infestation, please contact the Town so we can inspect and treat accordingly.

Street tree removal

It is the Town's intention to retain verge trees that are healthy, and do not cause any safety concerns. In the absence of suitable justification being provided for the removal of a tree, the request for the tree removal will not be supported.

