Nature Strip Guidelines

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Before you start

Online Nature Strip Approval Questionnaire

The Online Nature Strip Approval Questionnaire can tell you if Council recommends planting on your nature strip. It will also help you understand the Nature Strip Guidelines, taking you through them step-by-step.

Please complete the Online Nature Strip Approval Questionnaire before going any further - this will provide you with the information and contacts you need to gain approval or approve your plans so you don't have to wait for written approval.

Contact Council if...

You live within 100m of a creek, waterway, Bundoora Park, or Cherry Street Reserve - your nature strip could impact important vegetation work!

You are close to a busy commercial area, or are located near a roundabout, street corner, pedestrian crossing, or similar.

Nature Strips are Public Space

Your nature strip is communal, public space - you need consent from your neighbours, landlord, and/or any other tenants of your plans before you start.

Additionally, there could be important underground utilities beneath your nature strip. Contact Before You Dig Australia for free information about relevant underground services.

Guidelines

All nature strips in Darebin City Council is subject to the information below and other relevant requirements mentioned in this document.
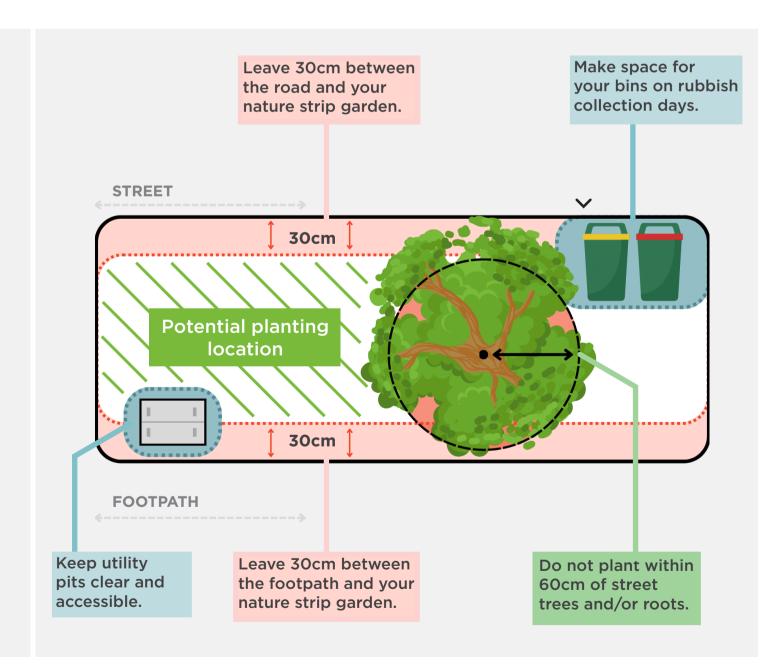
You cannot plant within 30cm of the road or footpath.

You cannot plant within 60cm of street trees.

You cannot include raised structures/decorative items without Council approval (you will need to complete a Nature Strip Planting Application Form for this).

Nature strip plants are subject to a 50cm height restriction.

Space must be allocated for waste collection services.

Leave 30cm between the road and your nature strip garden.

Make space for your bins on rubbish collection days.

STREET

30cm

Potential planting location

30cm

FOOTPATH

Keep utility pits clear and accessible.

Leave 30cm between the footpath and your nature strip garden.

Do not plant within 60cm of street trees and/or roots.

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