

NATURE STRIP GARDEN GUIDELINES QUICK REFERENCE



NATURE STRIPS generally speaking are that strip of land out the front of your home, and the side if you live on a corner block, that usually start out as a strip of grass and a street tree. Nature strips play an important role in the aesthetic, environmental and social health of a city.

While grass remains our default nature strip surface, Council supports and encourages the modification of nature strips in urban areas in line with the Nature Strip Garden Guidelines.

This guide provides an overview of the guidelines, anyone seeking to modify the nature strip adjacent their home is required to read the complete guidelines in order to fully understand their roles and responsibilities and the Nature Strip Garden permitting process.

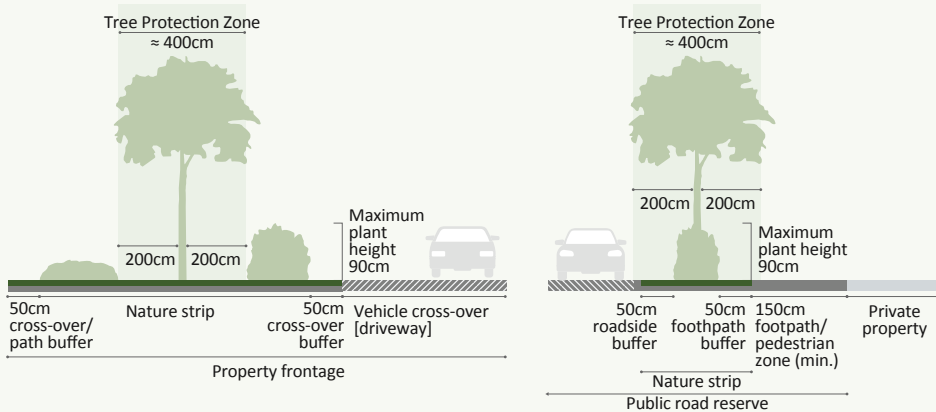


SUITABLE MATERIALS

Shown here is the complete list of what is suitable for use in a modified nature strip. Generally any material not shown here will not be considered suitable, however a more complete list of unsuitable materials can be found in the full guidelines.

- Grass maintained to a maximum height of 20cm
- Native grasses maintained to a maximum height of 90cm
- Plants consistent with the plant selection section of the guidelines and maintained to a maximum height of 90cm
- Planter boxes centred within the nature strip's plantable area and in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood.
- Planter boxes must be removable, no larger than 120cm x 60cm, and be at least 40cm in height. When choosing your planter box height keep in mind the maximum allowable plant height of 90cm which is measured from the nature strip surface to the top of the plant.
- Organic mulch such as graded bark or vegetative mulch to a maximum depth of 7.5cm **and used in conjunction with plantings**
- Small logs/tree branches placed in the centre of and fully contained within a garden bed
- Crushed rock or toppings / granitic sand with a maximum particle size of 1cm, well compacted to a maximum depth of 7.5cm **and used in conjunction with plantings**
The use of crushed rock or toppings / granitic sand across the entire nature strip is not permitted.
- Street tree (planted and maintained by Council). The planting of street trees, in accordance with Council's formal planting programs or to satisfy developer obligations in new housing or industrial estates, takes precedence over all resident modifications.

NEIGHBOURHOOD AND NATURE STRIP LAYOUTS



OUTCOMES

Road safety

Provide a safe space for pedestrians, drivers, and other road users by protecting lines of site and reducing the risk of slip/trip incidents



Asset protection

Minimise activities, practices, and materials that can cause damage to or impact the function of assets in or on the nature strip



Community benefit

Improve community connection through the use and enjoyment of nature strips



Environmental benefit

Avoid materials that are not environmentally sound or cause adverse outcomes while encouraging spaces that increase flora diversity and fauna habitat



PERMIT APPLICATION AND APPROVAL

