

CITY OF BELMONT

Street Trees

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The City of Belmont is responsible for the planting and maintenance of street trees throughout the City.

The City of Belmont Street Tree Plan was adopted in February 2013. This plan assigns specific species of trees to provide the broadest shade canopy within the context of available space. All new planting of trees along the Council verges will only be of the species as determined in the Street Tree Plan.

Planting

The planting of trees in streets is carried out by the City's Parks Staff. Individuals or groups are not permitted to plant trees in the street. However, for special projects, permission may be obtained from Council. Street trees are chosen carefully for aesthetics and the value they provide to the eco-system of the City.

Trees are chosen which:

- are fast growing
- do least damage to kerbs, footpaths, sewerage pipes and gardens
- create an attractive streetscape
- provide a suitable habitat for bird life
- comply with public utility requirements
- tolerate climatic conditions

Replacement

Residents are encouraged to request a street tree for their verge. Street tree replacements are carried out during the winter planting season (May - August). Occasionally replacements are undertaken out of season, if the species are available and residents are prepared to provide water (a written undertaking to this effect is required).

Watering

For successful planting in this State's arid climate, young street trees are planted in winter so they can establish themselves before the extremes of heat occur. The City will water new street trees over two summers. Additional watering of your street tree would be appreciated and will promote more vigorous growth.

Pruning

Pruning of street trees becomes necessary to ensure:

- pedestrians can walk safely and comfortably under trees
- trees are kept away from power lines
- road signs are clear and vehicles have easy access underneath trees
- street lights can penetrate to the road

Correct pruning ensures a safe, vigorous and attractive tree. Trees are not pruned just to shape them.

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Removal

Street trees which are dead, diseased, dying or in a dangerous condition are removed by the City's contractors.

The City receives many requests for trees to be removed but is committed to protecting the streetscape for aesthetic and environmental reasons and must adhere to strict guidelines as to what can and cannot be removed.

Dropping of leaves is considered a nuisance and not a danger. This is not a sufficient reason for removing a tree.

Each case will be assessed carefully by the Parks Supervisors and in some cases will need to be referred to Council. Requests for removal of street trees need to be made in writing to the Parks Section at the City of Belmont.

Stump Grinding

Contractors are employed to grind stumps. This can sometimes lead to delays between tree removal and stump grinding, although the delays will not be greater than 5 working days.

Enquiries and Information

If you require any extra information regarding the above areas, please contact the Parks Technical Officer on 9477 7287.

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