

PRIVATE TREES



INFORMATION SHEET

1. I have a large tree in my backyard, can I remove it?

The Town of Claremont will assist residents with exploring methods to retain mature trees. Options include Arboricultural assessments, management plans or development modifications.

2. My neighbour's tree, in their backyard, is overhanging my property can Council make them prune it?

In such circumstances, the most likely avenue of redress would be to discuss the matter with your neighbour. The manner in which you should deal with an encroachment depends upon the circumstances. In some circumstances a person may take the situation into his or her own hands and remove the segment of the offending item that crosses their boundary of the person's property. However, extreme caution should always be used when dealing with encroachments from a neighbour's property.

You should always consult your neighbour before taking any action regarding an encroachment regardless of whether you have a legal right to take that course of action or not. It must be remembered that you may live side by side with a neighbour for the remainder of your life, and care ought to be taken to ensure that relations are not irrevocably strained. You may be liable for any damage caused to your neighbour's property. Should initial approaches to your neighbour prove fruitless, more formal action may be taken with regard to certain encroachments. This includes council assistance and/or a court of law.

3. What trees can I plant in my backyard/private property?

On private property you can choose to plant any species of tree you wish however the Town of Claremont recommends seeking the advice of a Horticulturist to ascertain the most suited tree for your requirements (size, shape, tree roots, stem, growth rates etc).

4. Can Council remove the tree on my property?

No. Council does not have a dedicated tree crew to undertake private works. Council can only pay for work undertaken on public property; work undertaken on private property must be paid for by resident/owner.

5. My tree overhangs the laneway at the rear of my property; can Council prune it so that it is safe?

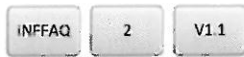
No. Council can assist with the names of Contractors who may be able to assist you however council will only intervene if there is an urgent safety issue. If council is required to intervene you may need to pay council for the work undertaken.

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VERGES



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1. Where does my verge begin?

Generally the verge starts from your front fence or letterbox. A cross check is to note the location of your water meter which will generally be about 300mm inside your property.

2. Can the tree outside my house be removed?

The verge (street) tree is the responsibility of the Town of Claremont. To get the tree assessed for removal you will need to fill in an **Application to Remove Trees** form available on the website or from the Council offices.

3. Can the Council prune my tree?

Council will prune trees for the following reasons:

- To improve vision for vehicles and pedestrians
- To improve the health of the tree
- For requirements of Western Power & Main Roads

4. Can I have my gardener prune my tree?

No. Please contact the Town of Claremont's Supervisor of Parks & Environment to discuss potential pruning requirements.

5. The street tree drops leaves/nuts/berries; can the Council clean it up?

Council sweeps all the towns streets on a regular basis. However leaf fall can also be collected and put into white bags when Council's green waste collections are scheduled.

6. A truck hit our tree. We think it is dangerous, can it be removed?

Contact our Supervisor of Parks & Environment to assess. If required you may be asked to fill out an application to remove trees form.

7. I would like a new street tree, what can I have?

Contact our Supervisor of Parks & Environment to discuss. Each street has a unique character and by selecting specific species assists in creating that unique streetscape synonymous with Claremont.

8. Can I convert my front verge into a parking area?

Please refer to our website for policies regarding verges. In most cases some off street parking is permissible but must be approved by Council.

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