

## VERGE LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES

### 1. GUIDE TO PLANT SELECTION

#### 1.1. Allow access for pedestrians

If no footpath, leave one metre clearance behind the kerb for pedestrian access.

#### 1.2. Plant Height

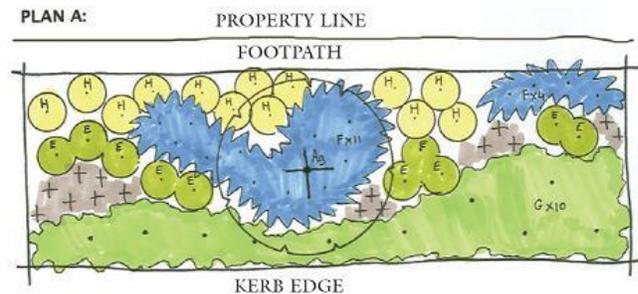
Maximum height of plants is to be 500mm.

#### 1.3. Spiky Plants

Plants with spines or thorns which could cause injury to passing pedestrian should not be used.

#### 1.4. Toxic Plants

Plants which have toxic parts should not be used (this includes some vegetables such as potato and tomato) as children may ingest toxic parts.



### 2. PREFERRED TYPES OF VEGETATION

#### 2.1. Waterwise plant species

We encourage the use of plants that use little or no additional water, other than Perth's average annual rainfall. Refer to the Water Corporation website for a full list of water wise plants:

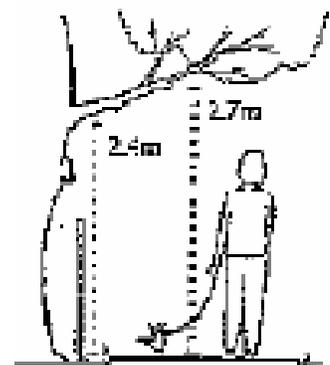
<http://www.watercorporation.com.au/save-water/in-the-garden/designing-a-water-efficient-garden-to-suit-your-region>

#### 2.2. Indigenous plant species

Plants that are local to Claremont and surrounding areas. Local indigenous species help to maintain our ecological heritage and assist with the natural biodiversity of the Perth area.

#### 2.3. Footpath and road clearance

Some pedestrians are vision impaired, unsteady on their feet or in a wheelchair so vegetation (including flowers) needs to be kept clear of the footpath including 2.7m overhead. Be mindful of the specific growth characteristics of your plants - eg some plants such as Agapanthus have large flower stems which drop down over the path when in flower.



### 3. RECOMMENDED SPECIES LIST (These are a few suggested species)

#### 3.1. Hemiandra pungens (snake bush)

Spreading prostrate groundcover with mauve, pink or white flowers and flowers most of the year.  
Preference: Full sun

**3.2. Conostylis candicans (grey cottonhead)**

Small tufted plant with grey-silver strap like foliage and yellow flowers that flower in spring and summer.

Preference: Full sun

**3.3. Dampiera diversifolia (Damperia)**

Spreading ground cover with green foliage and blue flowers that flower in spring and summer.

Preference: Full sun to semi shade.

**3.4. Dichondra spp (dichondra)**

A very low growing groundcover with small round leaves. Usually used as a lawn substitute in shady areas.

**3.5. Scaevola aemula (Purple fanfare)**

Spreading ground cover with green foliage and blue flowers that flower in spring and summer.

Preference: Full sun to semi shade.

**3.6. Hibbertia scandens (Snake Vine)**

A groundcover or climber with fleshy round leaves with bright yellow buttercup flowers.

**3.7. Banksia spinulosa (Birthday Candles)**

A groundcover with architectural foliage and upright banksia flowers.

**3.8. Grevillea obtusifolia (Gingin Gem)**

A fast growing groundcover with bright red bird attracting flowers.

**4. USE OF MULCHES AND/OR AGGREGATES**

The Town of Claremont encourages the use of appropriate organic mulches to reduce evaporation and loss of moisture from soil. Loose aggregate mulches such as gravel should not be used where they can spill onto paths or roads and cause a slip hazard.

**4.1. Paving**

All hard stand areas must comply with the Road Verges Policy EN302 which stipulates the situations where paving on verges is/is not permitted and to what extent it is permitted.

**4.2. Artificial Turf**

Astro or artificial turf is not permitted on Town of Claremont verges as per Road Verges Policy EN302.

**5. SUGGESTED RETICULATION OPTIONS**

The Town of Claremont encourages the use of plants which require little to no use of irrigation. However, some systems that can be installed include in ground drippers, pop up micro or bubbler systems and xeriscaping. Please refer to the Road Verges policy (Road Verges EN302) for specific details and hints regarding installation.

**6. SUBMIT PLAN TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL**

Draw up the plan of the verge on the attached map. Send via email to [toc@claremont.wa.gov.au](mailto:toc@claremont.wa.gov.au) or to PO box 54, Claremont WA 6910 or drop plan into the Council Chambers at 308 Stirling Hwy, Claremont.

# VERGE LANDSCAPE APPLICATION

## 6.1. SKETCH FOR APPLICANT (with sketch indicators)

### SKETCH

1. Include street and indicate north
2. Include new planting proposals
3. Include photo if desired

Name:		Date:	
Address:		Phone:	
		Mobile:	
Email			

