

Urban Street Trees

The Shire of Murray recognises that trees are an essential part of the environment, providing the streetscape with aesthetic appeal. Trees enhance buildings and other structures, screen and enhance views. They can help to define areas such as intersections and traffic control measures, providing shade, reducing the dangers of ultraviolet radiation and glare. Trees provide a habitat for wildlife and contribute significantly to the general quality of urban living.

The Shire is responsible for the control and development of street verges and encourages the landowner to develop and maintain the verge area in front of their property within the guidelines of the Shires local laws.

Property owners are responsible for the care and maintenance of the verge adjacent to their property. The selection, supply and maintenance of street trees is the responsibility of the Shire.

Supply of Street Trees

The Shire will provide and plant trees on the verge upon the completion of an application form by the property owner. In order to establish a consistent streetscape, street tree species will be in accordance with species with existing or intended street tree themes.

Residents are encouraged to give newly planted street trees a minimum 50lt of water per week to aid the survival of the tree during the summer months.

Request for Works

Pruning of street trees may become necessary where branches overhang private property, to improve pedestrian and motorist sight lines. Pruning can only be carried out by authorised Shire of Murray staff or contractors. If you consider that the tree on your verge requires pruning please contact the Technical Services Department on 9531 7777.

All requests for the removal of trees under the control of the Shire must be in writing stating the reason why you want the tree removed. Trees on land under the care and control of the Shire of Murray will not be removed for reasons relating to the enhancement of views, reduction of leaf fall, debris or personal species preferences. A delegated Shire officer will carry out an inspection of the tree and advise you in writing of the Shires decision.

For further Information please contact the Shire of Murray either by email to mailbag@murray.wa.gov.au, fax to 9531 1981 or phone 9531 7777.

Street Tree Planting Request

It is Council Policy to maintain uniformity of street tree species.

- Street tree planting will be carried out in winter after the first rain.
- Generally one tree per verge. However depending on verge width, additional trees can be planted.
- Close off date for applications is 30 April every year.
- Applications will be considered on a first come first serve basis. Late applications will be placed on a winter planting list for the following winter.
- The Shire will plant, stake and fertilise trees.
- The Resident is to water tree throughout summer months.

Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Property Address: _____

Phone Numbers:

Home: _____ Work: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Comments: _____

Owner to sign accepting responsibility for watering new verge tree:

Please return this form to the Shire of Murray either by email to mailbag@murray.wa.gov.au, fax to 9531 1981 or post to PO Box 21, Pinjarra WA 6208.

Office Use Only	
Date: _____	Comments: _____
Tree Species: _____	Quantity: _____
Date Completed: _____	