



What happens to existing verge treatments?

Prior to planting the proposed location will be marked on site, to allow residents sufficient time to remove any conflicting existing treatments they wish to keep.

Turf will be removed to allow a minimum 1m x 1m planting area. A tree surround may be installed to contain mulch, aid water retention and assist in preventing grass encroachment.

Verges that do not allow for the installation of street tree due to hard-stand or paving will be placed on hold.

Existing verge treatments will be checked to ensure they have approval and comply with the Local Government Act and the City's guidelines.

Who can I contact for further information on the program?

For further information on the City's Urban Forest Strategy or the Tree Planting Program contact the Parks Operations Urban Forest Project Officer on **9394 5000** or email **info@armadale.wa.gov.au**

Community feedback from a recent City wide Perception Survey in 2018.

"Large trees are required to provide shade, both on existing streets and in developments, which usually have an appalling lack of shade trees. Nothing appeals more than to see well grown large shade greenery as an attractive streetscape."

"The whole Community in general needs a lot more streetscaping, more trees along all the footpaths. Just by doing this in itself, will make the area look more attractive."

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Urban Forest Strategy



Frequently asked questions

What is an Urban Forest?

Armadale is one of the fastest growing areas in Perth and with this rapid urban expansion comes a loss of canopy and a greater need to plant and maintain trees, creating what is known as an urban forest.



What is the City's Urban Forest Strategy?

The City's Strategy is aimed at protecting our most valued resource – trees!

It will guide the establishment and ongoing maintenance of planting additional trees in the City's parks reserves and streetscapes.

What works are currently being proposed?

New trees will be planted on verges across the City in accordance with the City's Urban Forest Strategy.

Every house verge without a suitable verge tree will be planted with one or more trees. In locations where an existing tree is unsuitable a removal and replaced plan will be considered. Street tree planting locations depend on road classifications, services and other statutory restrictions. Areas with powerlines will be allocated a specific species to ensure compliance with Western Power requirements.

What is the purpose of the Street Tree Program?

Planting additional trees in streetscapes will provide an increase in canopy cover throughout the City.

Urban infill development is placing considerable pressure on existing street trees; the Program will help develop solutions to slow down canopy loss and increase the number of trees planted.

Why is the City planting street trees?

Street trees enhance the streetscape and provide a wide range of benefits to the community including environmental, health, economic and social.

When will planting take place?

Planting will generally occur in winter - May to September. Residents will be advised approximately four weeks prior to works commencing. The location of the tree will be marked on-site during the week planting is scheduled.

Who is responsible for maintaining the street tree?

The City is responsible for planting, staking, mulching, fertilising and watering for two summer seasons, until the tree is established.

What if I don't want a tree?

The street trees are planted on the verge, which is part of the road reserve and Crown Land.

How can I help care for my street tree?

You can provide additional weekly watering during the summer months – this will reduce heat stress and ensure water is reaching the roots.

If you are concerned about the health of a tree or are aware of any vandalism/damage report it immediately to the City.

How are street trees selected?

In order to determine appropriate tree species suitable for each location the City assessed the site conditions such as soil, exposure, weather conditions including orientation, infrastructure and services. The appropriate tree species selection will ensure the healthy successful development and longevity of the City's Urban Forest.

What are the benefits of planting trees in our suburban streetscapes?

Some of the researched benefits of street trees include:

- Enhanced property values
- Increase longevity of pavement and asphalt
- Reduces ambient air temperature
- Cleans air by absorbing polluting gases
- Reduces cooling energy consumption costs
- Saves water through reduced evaporation rates
- Reduces wind speed around houses and infrastructure

