

VERGE PLANTING INFORMATION

Maintenance of nature strips or verges is a shared responsibility between Council and residents as many property owners are keen to develop verges in front of their residence to improve street appeal.

For undeveloped verges, we provide a basic service of weed control and will ensure the verge surface is free from any hazards such as potholes.

Residents keen to develop their verge should apply to Council for approval as there are some general conditions that apply to the types of materials and plant species that may be used, as well as assuming ongoing responsibility for maintenance of the verge once it has been developed to keep it safe, clean, healthy and attractive.

Some of the more successful plant species we recommend for both verge and garden bed plantings include :



Pig Face



Lavender



Myoporum parvifolium



Rosemary



Dianalla revoluta



Dianalla brevicaulis
(Coastal Residents)



Correa Glaba/Correa
reflexa



Chrysocephalum
Apiculatum



Leucophuya brownii
(Coastal Residents)



Poa poaformis
(Coastal Residents)



Themeda
triandra



Goodeni
amplexans

The City of Marion has developed verge garden guidelines to help residents who are interested in establishing a verge garden. The guidelines support Council's vision of a community that is liveable, engaged, prosperous, innovative, connected and values nature.

When developing your verge garden please remember to leave at least 1sqm in the centre part of the verge for tree planting. You can request a tree by contacting Customer Service on 8375 6600.

Please Note : If there is a stobie pole present no planting or infrastructure can be located closer than 100cm from the base of the pole and no creepers or plants are allowed to grow on the pole as SA Power will remove it from their infrastructure.

MULCHING

Mulch is essential for a more fruitful garden as it saves time on watering, weeding and pest control. There are a couple of basic forms of mulch, organic and inorganic.

Different types of organic mulch include :

- Wood chips
- Shredded leaves
- Compost (you can make this at home from organic scraps, coffee grounds, tea leaves etc)
- Straw/Hay

Mulch should be spread in a layer thick enough to discourage weed growth and retain sufficient moisture and should be kept away from stems of plants and shrubs so as not to cause them to rot.

To ensure your verge garden meets Council's requirements residents are encouraged to read the Verge Garden and Development Guidelines and Verge Procedure document. Please visit our website council@marion.sa.gov.au go to the Verge page and download the information.