



VERGE AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to maintain and develop the aesthetic appeal of the City's streetscapes and public open space by ensuring that effective management principles are applied and consistency in advice is given to ratepayers with regard to the City's commitment to the maintenance of these areas.

SCOPE

This policy applies in relation to all verges and public open spaces within the City's limits of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and to all City officers with responsibility for the maintenance of them.

DEFINITIONS

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the City.

City means the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

POLICY STATEMENT

The City recognises the importance of aesthetic appeal of verges and public open spaces for residents and visitors and is committed to transparency in its management of these spaces in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

POLICY DETAILS

1. Management guidelines

The City will develop management guidelines setting out the City:

- a. Estimated timetable and timeframes for management works to be undertaken on verges and public open spaces;
- b. Guidelines for the works including in respect of the use of weed killer and pesticides; and
- c. Minimum safety requirements to be undertaken at a minimum by City officers.



2. Entrance roads and roundabouts

The City will maintain entrance roads and roundabouts as per agreement with Main Roads Western Australia.

3. City's maintenance standard

- a. The City will ensure that all works are carried out in a safe manner to minimise potential risk to and damage to property.
- b. City staff will remove litter and debris identified whilst undertaking works and dispose of same in an appropriate manner.
- c. City staff will identify potential hazards and take appropriate measures to minimise risk.
- d. The City will mow or spray vegetation on verges; trim around trees, service pits, poles, accessible drains, and alongside footpaths, fences and kerbs as deemed appropriate at the time.
- e. City staff will remove material from footpaths or dual use paths by means of sweeping or blowing.
- f. The City will comply with its legislated obligations to remove declared weed species through a control program developed by the City.
- g. The City will take all reasonable precautions to avoid damage to property and exposure of residents to the spraying operation.

4. Use of pesticides

The City will only use those herbicides considered which pose the least risk to the environment, the public and staff.

5. Property owners

- a. Property owners are responsible for ensuring that vegetation, rubbish and disused material from their property does not encroach onto the verge causing obstruction or hazard to the public.
- b. Property owners must not place items on the verge for free disposal (ie. to give away).
- c. Property owners must not place storage containers or vehicles of any sort on the verge without express written permission from the City.
- d. Property owners are encouraged to beautify their verges provided that any such modifications do not present any safety hazards, nor impede the safe passage of pedestrian traffic.
- e. Property owners who modify their verges, regardless of whether or not prior approval is received from the City, are responsible for the cost of installation, maintenance and upkeep of the modified verge.
- f. Where the City or its contractors are required to undertake works on roads or verges there will be no consideration nor obligation to reinstate any verge modifications undertaken by Property owners.



- g. Whether or not prior approval is received from the City, where the City deems that any verge modifications that are carried out by Property owners are not in keeping with the amenity or safety or ambiance of the general area, the City may require the Property owner to modify or remove the verge treatment. Failure to do so at the direction of City Officers may result in the removal by City personnel or contractors with no compensation to the Property owner.
- h. Verge trees are encouraged. Property owners are encouraged to plant and care for suitable endemic species.
- i. Under no circumstances should verge trees be removed, modified or pruned without reference and approval from the City.

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