



Waterwise Native Verge Program Information Sheet

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The City of Bayswater encourages residents to convert their verges into waterwise native verges. Waterwise native verges have many advantages, with the main benefits being:

- Reduction in water consumption
- Creation of wildlife corridors
- Enhancement of local biodiversity through inclusion of native plants
- Building resilience to climate change

The City is offering property owners a rebate of up to \$250 (for verges smaller than 80m²) or up to \$500 (for verges larger than 80m²) to assist with improving their verge during the winter season. Funds will be granted to eligible applications on a 'first come, first served' basis until the pool of funding has is exhausted.

To be an eligible to for a rebate, applicants must:

- Comply with the City's [Street Verges Policy](#), [Extended Street Verge Policy](#) and [Verge Greening Guidelines](#).
- Be a City of Bayswater property owner. Where the verge area is shared (properties part of a strata complex, grouped dwelling or battle-axe development), the application will need to be supported by a letter from strata management.
- Transform a minimum of 2/3 of the available verge area (excluding hardstand) or 20m², whichever is greatest.
- Only install low ground cover plants (native grasses and similar) if their property is a corner block, to ensure sightlines to oncoming traffic are maintained.
- Have removed grass or hard surfaces completely and thoroughly prior to planting, and complete all works before 1 September 2025.
- Only install waterwise irrigation, if irrigation is required.
- Include a street tree (unless the City determines that it is not possible to do so). Applicants can request a free street tree by visiting bayswater.wa.gov.au/streettrees.
- Include 5–10cm of coarse mulch (woodchip or tree prunings).
- Use waterwise plants only (local native plants preferred). A minimum of 20 plants for verges smaller than 80m², and a minimum of 30 plants for verges larger than 80m² should be included in the completed verge. This may be tube stock sized plants. The Water Corporation's [Waterwise Plant Directory](#) and the City's [Local Native Plants Guide](#) provide information on suitable plants

The Waterwise Native Verge Program does not support:

- 'Infill verge projects' where there is an already vegetated verge and the applicant wishes to add or replace plants or mulch.
- Verge installations prior to the dates of application approval (applications will not be approved retrospectively).

What do you need to do?

1. Download and submit a completed application form with a 'before' photo of the verge. Applications can be submitted via email (preferred), post or in person. The City will advise if the application is successful within three weeks of submitting the application.

2. Undertake the verge conversion works, including the removal of irrigated grass or hard surface and replacement with mulch and waterwise plants, before 1 September 2025. The verge may be inspected before and after the conversion to verify the application and claim.
3. Submit the claim form, receipts of expenditure and an 'after' photo by 15 September 2025. The City will provide the rebate via an electronic bank transfer within four weeks of receiving a claim.

This initiative is proudly co-funded by Water Corporation's 'Waterwise Greening Scheme' and forms part of the City of Bayswater's aim to be a leading waterwise and climate change resilient community. For more information on waterwise verges, please read our [Verge Greening Guidelines](#) or visit watercorporation.com.au.