

Tree Pruning Guidelines for Residents

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PURPOSE

This guideline provides guidance to residents on how to care for trees located on verges abutting their property, which are under the care, control and management of the City of Bayswater (the City).

General Prohibitions

Residents may not undertake pruning on:

- Trees growing under power lines.
- Juvenile trees (less than three years old), identified by being staked and surrounded by a mulch bowl or green well.
- Parts of trees that are overhanging roads.
- Trees that are diseased, declining or dead.
- Tree roots.

The City will undertake all necessary maintenance in regards to the above. Residents are urged to contact the City to discuss any maintenance that may be required.

Tree Pruning

Residents are authorised to undertake minor pruning of trees on the verge directly abutting their property in accordance with the following conditions:

- Only tree material less than 3cm in diameter may be pruned.
- Pruning is undertaken with due care and consideration for the ongoing health, growth and longevity of the tree.
- The resident adheres to the provided guidelines, and other recommendations and advice as provided by the City.
- Pruning cuts are to be precise and executed in such a way as to not cause unnecessary damage or injury to the tree.
- Only hand-held manual garden pruning tools fit for the purposes of tree pruning may be used.
- Pole pruners, and extension or telescopic tools may not be used.
- Petrol or electric powered tools, machinery or equipment may not be used.

- Only minor pruning conducted while standing on ground level can be undertaken.
- Ladders, items, materials or other devices which raise the resident above ground level must not be used.
- Tools are sharp and are thoroughly cleaned before use.
- Green waste from pruning activities are collected and disposed of or composted by the resident.
- No more than 5% reduction in the diameter of the reachable canopy can be removed in a 12-month period.
- Personal protective equipment suited to the task must be worn.
- The resident is to consider taking and storing photos prior to and after minor pruning works in the instance evidence is required of the pruning undertaken.

Tree Watering

Residents are encouraged to provide additional water to trees between October and April according to the following rates:

- 30 to 50 litres per week for juvenile trees
- 70 to 100 litres per week for mature trees
- 100 to 150 litres per week for trees adjacent to development sites.

Related Documentation

- *Urban Tree Planting and Maintenance Policy*