



NATIVE VERGE MAKEOVER

GREENER LANDSCAPES AND VERGE GARDENS

Greener landscapes (especially trees) absorb CO2 and provide natural cooling – much more pleasant for walking or cycling! Native plants need less water and provide essential habitat for native wildlife. Green corridors, which connect bushland and parks, help animals travel safely.

It's not just gardens and parks that can be green spaces. Front verges are a great place for native plants.

Convert your lawn verge into a native verge and you are sure to inspire your neighbours!



WHAT CAN YOU PLANT ON A VERGE?

Most verges have more than one use. Trees on verges are normally the responsibility of the Local Government. If you don't have a street tree, ask your Council. Utilities such as water and electricity may have underground infrastructure - these are the responsibility of the service provider. The homeowner is usually responsible for planting and maintaining the understorey, complying with some basic rules set by the Local Government.

PLANNING YOUR VERGE TRANSITION

Spend some time planning your native verge, considering what you want to achieve, and finding the plants suited to your area.

Some key pointers:

- Time: up to 9 months to complete (if you need to remove the grass)
- Cost: from a few 100 to a few 1000 (depending on size of the verge, and how much work you can do yourself). Local Councils often offer free plants or rebates, to help reduce costs.

GUIDING PROCESS

Taken from "How to create a waterwise verge: Guidance for householders" by Water Corp

COUNCIL

DESIGN

APPROVAL

PREPARE

WATER

PLANT

Check what is allowed
Find out about incentive schemes

Obtain any required approvals
(utility approvals and local council)

Install waterwise irrigation
Plan a watering schedule

Create a verge garden design
Check for green corridor plants
Include a detailed plant list

Remove grass (best in summer)
Prepare ground level
Add soil conditioner

Best in May/June
Add mulch
Maintenance plan

YOUR COUNCIL'S TAKE ON NATIVE VERGES

LGA	Verge policy	Permission required	Max plant height (cm) (1.5 m from kerb)	Native plant subsidy	Other incentives
Cambridge	Yes	No	75	Yes	Rebate up to \$500
Claremont	Yes	Yes	50	Yes	
Cottesloe	Yes	Yes	60	Yes	Rebate up to \$500
Mosman Pk	Yes	Yes	60	Yes	
Nedlands	Yes	No	60	Yes	
Peppermint Grove	No	Not permitted	n/a	n/a	n/a
Perth	Yes	No	10	No	
Stirling	Yes	No	50	FREE plants	Rebate up to \$500
Subiaco	Yes	No	low-growing	Yes	Rebate up to \$500