

An Invitation - Verge Incentive Scheme 2026 - 27

The purpose of the Verge Incentive Scheme is to encourage and support residents to plant and maintain Waterwise and locally native verge gardens that help to create habitat for local fauna and contribute to local biodiversity. The Scheme's funding is limited so you are encouraged to sign up now. And please check with your neighbours to see if they would like to participate to make an even greater impact on your streetscape's amenity.

Are there any guidelines for a verge garden?

Verge gardens need to comply with *the Streetscape Management - Verge Landscape Treatments Policy ET529 (2022)* which may be found under the 'Infrastructure and Environment' tab here: [City of Canning Policies](#) If you have any questions about the verge garden guidelines, please contact the City Greening team by phone 1300 422 664 or email parks.admin@canning.wa.gov.au

The scheme is open to property owners and occupiers in the City of Canning. If you are not the property owner you can still apply, but you will need the application to be signed by the relevant owner or approved Strata representative.

To apply and qualify you will need to:

- Take 'before' photos of the verge.
- Make a sketch plan of the new verge garden
- Fill out the application form (attached) and submit it with the photos and the sketch plan.
- Make any adjustments to the plan if requested by the City and re-submit plan
- Written approval will be sent from the City
- Install the garden according to the approved plan.
- After 3 - 4 months of installing and maintaining the garden submit a rebate application with recent 'after' photos of your verge.
- Continue to maintain your verge garden. 🌿

Please note: Street Tree Requirement

To increase greening across the City it is a condition of the Verge Incentive Scheme that if you don't have a street tree you will need to leave space for a tree to be planted in future.

[Register Your Interest Street Tree Planting 2027](#)

If you already have a street tree, please take care not to damage tree roots when planting the garden, and do not place mulch close to the trunk of the tree.

Rebate information

- A rebate of \$10/m², capped at \$500 is offered to registered participants who installed an approved Waterwise verge garden.
- Rebates will be paid 4 months after a rebate application is submitted, provided the verge garden has established and is well maintained.
- There is an additional rebate of \$10/m², capped at \$500, for the removal of non-compliant verge treatments (e.g. artificial turf, gravel, excess paving) if applicable.
- A rebate application form will be sent to you with your approved application and plan.

When do I need to apply by?

The scheme is open NOW. Please submit your application, photos of the verge and your verge garden sketch plan. Once your application is approved it will be valid for 12 months, giving you time to plan, prepare the verge and plant. Once you have maintained your new verge garden for a minimum of 4 months you can submit your rebate request with photos of your established verge garden.

Before You Dig

- Confirm underground services (such as water, electrical, gas and telecommunication pipes) with [Before You Dig](#) Australia before planting to protect underground services from damage.

What plants should I choose?

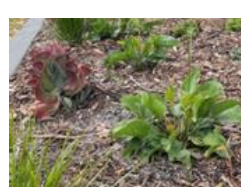
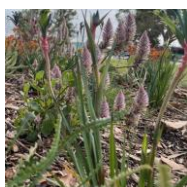
- Native plants don't require fertiliser or need lot of water after they have established.
- Avoid plants that are poisonous, prickly or that may cause allergic reactions
- Choose plants that can be maintained at a maximum height of 700mm
- Your local nursery or garden centre can help you find suitable locally native and Waterwise plants and you can visit the [Water Corporation's waterwise plants webpage](#) to find waterwise and native plants that will grow best in your area.

Where can I get more ideas about what plants to choose?

Using plants recommended by the Water Corporation the City established 4 demonstration verge gardens at Edgeware Park, Lynwood, near the carpark accessed from Edgeware Street. A list of the plants used is attached to the email.

The themes of the demonstration gardens are:

- Local native species
- Native Garden
- Cottage Garden
- Succulent Mediterranean Garden



What about watering the verge garden?

For locally native and Waterwise verge gardens, hand watering using a hose, bucket or watering can is preferable to using automatic irrigation because this will save you money, help you to limit the amount of water used and will help make sure that the water goes only where it is needed. Hand watering also gives you the opportunity to monitor your plants regularly and to spot weeds when they are young and easy to remove.

A tip for sketching your verge landscape plan:

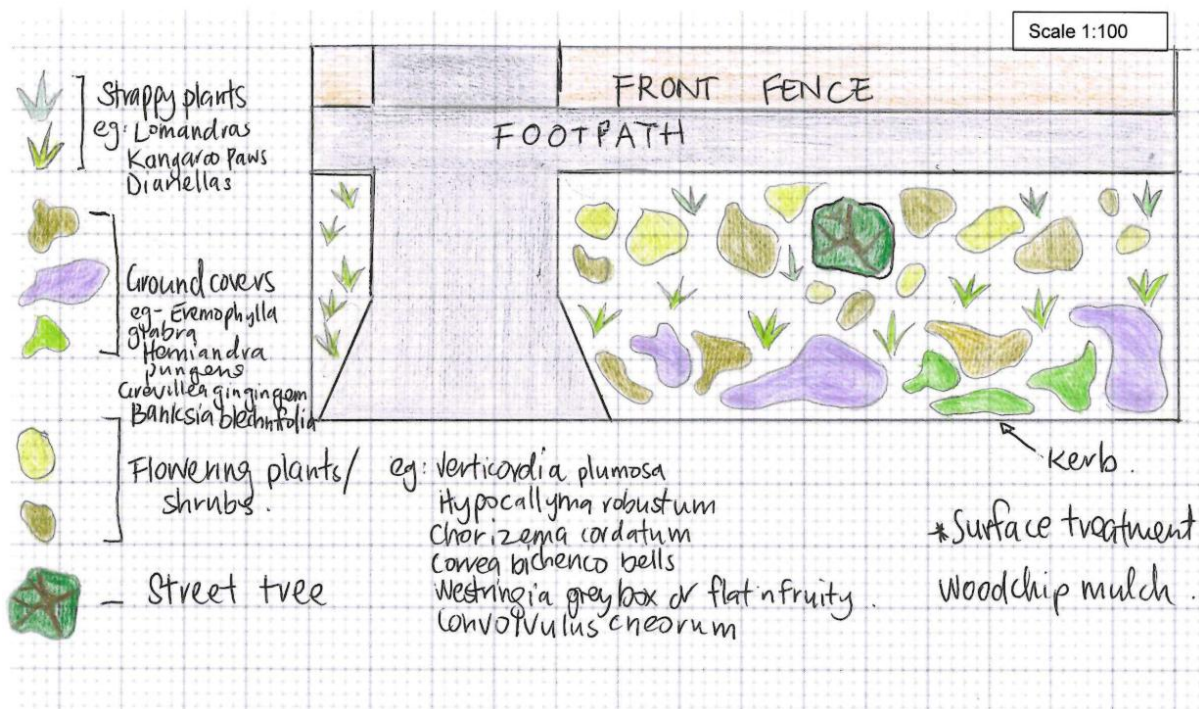
To find the approximate measurements of the verge at your property the City's Intramaps on-line mapping tool can assist. <https://www.canning.wa.gov.au/business/business-in-canning/maps>

Examples of verge garden plans are on the next page.

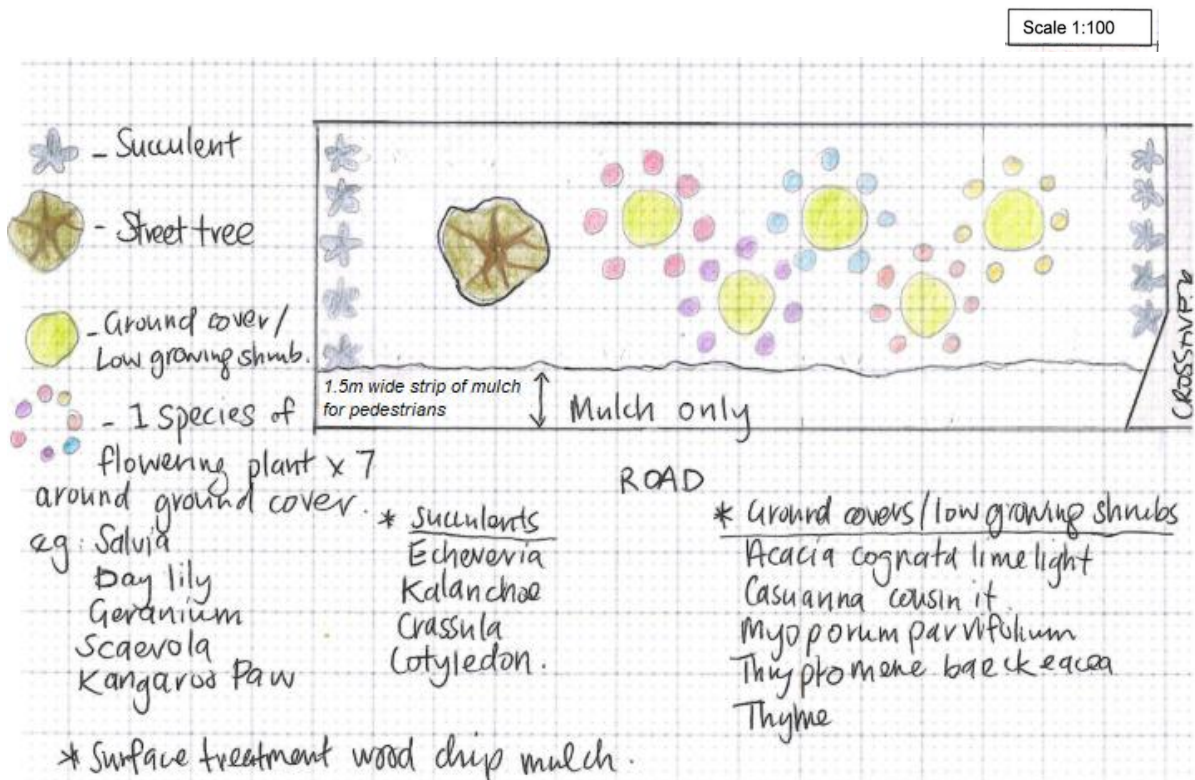
An easy way to submit your verge garden plan is to take a photo of your sketch plan and attach it to an email along with your signed application form and photos of your verge.

Please note, a simple black and white sketch plan is acceptable to submit.

An example of a verge garden plan that has a public footpath.



An example of a garden on a verge where there is no public footpath.





The City of Canning is a proud Gold Waterwise Council.

The Verge Landscaping initiative is proudly supported by Water Corporation's Waterwise Greening Scheme and helps form part of our ambition for the City of Canning to be a leading Waterwise City.

VERGE LANDSCAPE TREATMENT APPLICATION FORM – VERGE INCENTIVE SCHEME 2026-27	
Name:	
Address:	
Contact Phone:	Email:
Property owner's signature:	Date:
OR Approved Strata representative	Date:
YES – I AM APPLYING FOR THE VERGE INCENTIVE SCHEME PILOT ☐	
My Verge Garden sketch plan is attached ☐	Recent photo(s) of my verge are attached ☐
My verge currently does ☐ does not ☐ have a street tree Register Your Interest Street Tree Planting 2027	
My verge currently does ☐ does not* ☐ comply with the City's verge landscape policy	

*** What if my verge doesn't comply with the City's Verge Landscape Treatment Policy?**

The Pilot will support residents who have too much paving, or who have gravel, or synthetic turf that does not comply with the verge landscape policy by offering a further rebate of \$10/m², capped at \$500, for the removal of non-compliant verge treatments.

*** What If I am a tenant at the property?**

Please ask your property owner to sign this form for you to be eligible to join the Verge Incentive Scheme.

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VERGE GARDEN INCENTIVE SCHEME 2026-27 APPLICATION

Scale 1:100