

some things **you** ought to **know** about



the street tree planting programme

Street trees help reduce the effects of pollution, provide natural habitats, shelter and shade and enhance the environment

getting a street tree

The Council plants street trees once a year in late Autumn. If you'd like a tree for your street just leave your name with our Customer Services Staff who will add it to the request list.

Physical constraints, safety and traffic issues are all taken into account in deciding where to plant trees.

All residents of streets where there are currently no trees are also asked what they think before any planting takes place.

What species is planted depends on soil type, drainage, climate, proximity of houses and services and what else may be planted nearby.

Trees that drop a lot of leaves or fruit or are likely to cause a shading nuisance are avoided.



Let us know of any broken trees or stakes



Here's how you can help keep your tree healthy:

Do:

- ✓ Water it regularly over the first few growing seasons, the best time is early in the morning or evening
- ✓ Keep the base of the tree free of weeds and other competing plants
- ✓ Let us know of any trees that have been damaged, vandalised or died, or any broken tree stakes and ties

Don't

- ✗ Heap soil up against the trunk. This can cause decay or rot
- ✗ Put fresh grass clippings around the base of the tree. The heat build-up can suffocate roots and ring bark young trees
- ✗ Prune or trim the tree
- ✗ Dig too deeply around its base. This will destroy the young feeding roots that are close to the surface.



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What we will do for your tree

We will replace damaged plants, tree stakes and ties.
We will mulch the base of the tree for you once a year. We will provide all the pruning and after care maintenance

moving a street tree

Sometimes street trees planted during development of new subdivisions are put in a place that makes it difficult for owners to site their house and driveway.

The Council may agree to the tree being relocated by an approved contractor.

This would be at the cost of the property owner.

You need to apply to our Parks and Recreation Team to have a tree moved, detailing:

- lot number and street address of the property
- name and contact details of property owner or agent
- reason for tree being moved
- identification of alternative site for tree on section

Council staff will assess the quality of the tree and if it can be moved.

You will be responsible for caring for the replanted tree and replacing it if it dies.

Topping is a last resort

When street trees get too big we will arrange to have them topped – but only where absolutely necessary.

Topping not only disfigures the tree it can starve it of goodness, leaving it vulnerable to disease and damage from the sun so that it may wither and die.



Topping can also have the opposite effect of controlling the height and spread of a tree – encouraging fast and rapid growth instead

Maintenance and replacement

The Council engages a qualified arborist to look after the well-being of street trees.

If you are concerned about the health of a street tree, or it needs replacing, contact the Council's Customer Services Staff on 03 313 6136. They will arrange for the tree doctor to take a look.

Please do not attempt to prune or trim Council-owned trees yourself. You may be prosecuted if you remove or damage a street tree.

more info

For more information talk to our Customer Services Staff: ph (03) 313-6136.

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