

# What will Council not approve?

## Council will not approve the installation of:

- Watering systems.
- Artificial turf.
- Trees (Street trees shall be planted by Council where appropriate. Existing street trees are not to be altered or removed or their root system damaged).
- Hard objects such as bricks, concrete, garden edges, stakes, logs, sleepers, river pebbles, timbers, stones, shrubs and trees are not to be planted, unless specifically permitted by Council.
- Edible plants like vegetables, herbs or fruit crops on naturestrips. There are concerns regarding possible soil contamination due to proximity to the road surface and vehicle pollutions. A soil contamination report will be required if edible planting is proposed.

Feel free to discuss your naturestrip makeover ideas with **Knox City Council Open Space and Landscape Design Team** or email [openspace@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:openspace@knox.vic.gov.au)

### Please note:

Council will not be responsible for repair, replacement or reinstatement of naturestrip garden beds/plants should they be disrupted by asset renewal/repair works from Council or other service authority parties.

## Naturestrip planting checklist

- Call Dial Before You Dig (DBYD) for a free report to identify and underground services in your naturestrip prior to starting any works. Freecall **1100** or search **1100.com.au**
- Prepare a plan with proposed works. Please include location of any underground services and ensure there is adequate space for collection of bins.
- Discuss proposed naturestrip makeover with neighbours, landlords or body corporate
- Download an Application Form from **[knox.vic.gov.au/greenstreets](http://knox.vic.gov.au/greenstreets)**
- Obtain a Planting on Naturestrip Permit.
- When working near roads and traffic, the resident and contractor is responsible for their safety and that of others.
- All installation, labour and ongoing maintenance are the home owner's responsibility.



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# Planting your naturestrip

Knox City Council has recently changed the 'Green Streets' policy. Residents can now apply to landscape their naturestrips with approved plans.

The naturestrip is an area of land between the property boundary and back of kerb (or road shoulder), excluding any footpaths or other assets such as driveways, power poles, utility pits or fire hydrants.

## The following guidelines apply to naturestrip planting:

- Planting must be at least 500mm back from the kerb to allow people to enter and exit their vehicles and properties safely.
- Adequate space must be provided for bin collections.
- Plants must be kept pruned to a maximum of 500mm high to ensure clear sight lines between the road and footpath.
- Fine gravel mulches such as granitic sand, pine or hardwood chips (12mm-25mm) are permitted.

Choose drought-tolerant native and indigenous wildflowers, ground covers or low growing plants such as:



Common Everlasting  
*Chrysocephalum apiculatum*



Tall Bluebell  
*Wahlenbergia stricta*



Native Violet  
*Viola hederacea*



Common Tussock Grass  
*Poa labillardieri*

Planted naturestrips increase habitat for native fauna

For a list of indigenous plants or for more information on alternative planting options visit [knox.vic.gov.au/greenstreets](http://knox.vic.gov.au/greenstreets)

# How to apply?

## 1. Planning approval

An Application Form and Planting Plan must be submitted by the property owner. Please refer to [knox.vic.gov.au/greenstreets](http://knox.vic.gov.au/greenstreets) for a copy.

## 2. Approval before works commence

You should receive notification from Council within 15 business days of the outcome of your application and if approved a Planting on Naturestrip Permit will be issued (No cost).

## 3. Commence planting makeover safely

**A. Contact Dial Before You Dig (freecall 1100)** to locate any underground services before commencing any work on your naturestrip.

**B. Ensure the footpath remains open to pedestrian traffic.**

**C. The resident or contractor is responsible for their safety and that of others during landscaping works.**

Property owners who have already planted on their naturestrip are encouraged to apply for a permit so there is a record of the agreement between Council and the resident.

