



Waterwise

Verge Subsidy

Give your verge a waterwise makeover

Terms and Conditions

- To be eligible for a subsidy the Waterwise Verge Development must be completed after the commencement of this programme (retrospective subsidies are not available **launch date of subsidy 20 March 2025**).
- The Waterwise Verge Development must comply with the City's Verge Development Policy and Verge Development Guidelines.
- The entire verge must be developed as a Waterwise Verge with the exception of an existing crossover and any existing approved paving or concreted areas, with any exposed areas covered in organic mulch.
- This subsidy is intended to convert non-waterwise verges to waterwise. Costs may not be claimed for infill projects on an existing vegetated verge where plants are added, revitalised, or mulch is applied that do not demonstrate a full waterwise conversion.
- The verge must contain Waterwise plants only. There are no rules around how many must be purchased and planted.
- A verge containing synthetic turf or any unacceptable materials, such as inorganics, loose materials such as gravel, stone, pebbles, crushed brick or rocks will automatically be ineligible for a subsidy.
- The applicant agrees to comply with any modification or maintenance request issued for the Verge Development in future, regardless of whether a subsidy was paid in full or not.
- The applicant commits to maintaining the Waterwise Verge Development in a neat, tidy and safe condition and in accordance with the City's Verge Development Policy.
- Each property is eligible for one subsidy payment only per property, up to a maximum of \$400 per property, or \$450 per property should the applicant be eligible for the \$50 bonus payment for participating with a neighbour.
- Costs the subsidy **will** cover include:
 - Waterwise plants
 - Organic mulch
 - Weed matting
 - Lawn and inorganic material removal
 - Wetting agents and fertilisers
 - Labour
 - Costs that relate to the development of the verge only (Crown Land)

A decorative header image featuring stylized coastal plants like a red palm and a pink bottlebrush in the foreground, and blue buildings and a light blue sky with clouds in the background.

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- Costs the subsidy will **not** cover include:
 - Non-waterwise plants
 - Inorganic or unacceptable materials e.g. paving, concrete, pebbles and rocks
 - Synthetic turf
 - Irrigation infrastructure
 - Purchasing of tools or landscaping equipment
- Any items or costs claimed not listed above will be subject to Officer discretion for eligibility.
- The City reserves the right to refuse an application based on its own additional checks, or to determine which receipted items are not suitable for inclusion in the calculation of the payable subsidy. The Officer decision is final.
- An applicant may correct any issues that prevented their application being successful on a first attempt and re-apply again, or withdraw their application at any time.
- The City reserves the right to review the subsidy terms and conditions and / or withdraw the subsidy at any time.