



VERGE AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE POLICY

POLICY NUMBER: ENG-PR-004

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to maintain and develop the aesthetic appeal of the City's streetscapes and public open space by ensuring that effective management principles are applied and consistency in advice is given to ratepayers with regard to the City's commitment to the maintenance of these areas.

SCOPE

This policy applies in relation to all verges and public open spaces within the City's limits of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and to all City officers with responsibility for the maintenance of them.

DEFINITIONS

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the City.

City means the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

POLICY STATEMENT

The City recognises the importance of aesthetic appeal of verges and public open spaces for residents and visitors and is committed to transparency in its management of these space in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

POLICY DETAILS

1. Management guidelines

The City will develop management guidelines setting out the City:

- a. Estimated timetable and timeframes for management works to be undertaken on verges and public opens spaces;
- b. Guidelines for the works including in respect of the use of weed killer and pesticides; and



- c. Minimum safety requirements to be undertaken at a minimum by City officers.

2. Entrance roads and roundabouts

The City will maintain entrance roads and roundabouts as per agreement with Main Roads Western Australia.

3. City's maintenance standard

- a. The City will ensure that all works are carried out in a safe manner to minimise potential risk to and damage to property.
- b. City staff will remove litter and debris identified whilst undertaking works and dispose of same in an appropriate manner.
- c. City staff will identify potential hazards and take appropriate measures to minimise risk.
- d. The City will mow or spray vegetation on verges; trim around trees, service pits, poles, accessible drains, and alongside footpaths, fences and kerbs as deemed appropriate at the time.
- e. City staff will remove material from footpaths or dual use paths by means of sweeping or blowing.
- f. The City will comply with its legislated obligations to remove declared weed species through a control program developed by the City.
- g. The City will take all reasonable precautions to avoid damage to property and exposure of residents to the spraying operation.

4. Use of pesticides

The City will only use those herbicides considered which pose the least risk to the environment, the public and staff.

5. Property owners

- a. Property owners are responsible for ensuring that vegetation, rubbish and disused material from their property does not encroach onto the verge causing obstruction or hazard to the public.
- b. The City will encourage residents to become involved in the general presentation of the streetscapes by assisting at the request of the resident, with the removal of leaves and litter generated from the verge. In such cases it is the responsibility of the resident to collect and place the material adjacent to the roadside for collection. The City will not remove any material that has been generated from within private property, including vegetation encroaching onto the thoroughfare.
- c. The City will encourage property owners and residents to actively participate with the control of declared or nuisance weeds on verges, laneways or their own property through educational programs.



COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

| DOCUMENT CONTROL | | |
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