

Ipswich is amongst the world's most liveable cities thanks to a close-knit community spirit and the civic pride of our residents. One aspect in making Ipswich a great place to live is keeping our residential streets visually appealing. Landscaping along a property boundary can contribute to this visual appeal.

## IS COUNCIL APPROVAL REQUIRED?

### Residential Properties

Property owners wishing to landscape nature strips adjacent to their property boundary may do so under certain conditions without approval. Please see page 2 to view the conditions and page 3 for a list of recommended plant species.

Council reserves the right at any time to remove landscaping:

- to perform works as required to manage any service or infrastructure; or
- that does not comply with the Standard Conditions

Council is not responsible to reinstate any landscaping other than to a normal nature strip standard.

NOTE: If you live in Brookwater or any Body Corporate Estate within Ipswich City please also check with your Body Corporate.

### Commercial Properties

Landscaping adjacent to commercial properties requires a Landscaping on Nature Strips Permit. An application form can be found at [Ipswich.qld.gov.au](http://Ipswich.qld.gov.au)

### State Controlled Roads

For landscaping adjacent to State Controlled Roads a Road Corridor Permit is required through the Department of Transport and Main Roads. For more information visit [Tmr.qld.gov.au](http://Tmr.qld.gov.au)

### What if I'm unable to comply with the Standard Conditions?

Where the landscaping cannot be constructed in accordance with the Standard Conditions the property owner may apply for a Landscaping on Nature Strips Permit.



## LANDSCAPING ON NATURE STRIPS STANDARD CONDITIONS

Council allows property owners to establish landscaping on nature strips adjacent to their property boundary in accordance with Standard Conditions. Council has developed these conditions to protect the safety of footpath and road users by allowing clear vision for vehicles accessing driveways and minimising trip hazards.

1. The landscaping must be adjacent to the property boundary and no wider than 500mm.
2. No constructed edging is permitted.
3. No irrigation is permitted.
4. The landscaping, including during construction, must not adversely impact:
  - i. the safety of pedestrians or cyclists in their normal use of a footpath or bikeway;
  - ii. the visibility for motorists using the road or entering or exiting a residential driveway;
  - iii. access to Council's or Statutory Authorities' services;
  - iv. footpath or bikeway pavements; and
  - v. safe passage of all road users.
5. No landscaping is permitted:
  - i. on nature strips less than 3 metres in width;
  - ii. along unformed roads; and
  - iii. within table drains or overland flow paths.
6. Obstruction of public infrastructure such as traffic signs, power poles and parking bays is not permitted.
7. Any damage caused to public infrastructure as part of the landscaping:
  - i. must be reported to Council as soon as possible; and
  - ii. must be repaired at the property owner's expense.
8. A 'Dial Before You Dig' search (ph 1100) must be undertaken before construction commences.  
NOTE: The property owner is responsible for locating and protecting underground public utility services such as gas, telecommunications, water, sewer and electricity.
9. Service fittings such as fire hydrants, water supply valves, water meters, junction boxes etc. must not be covered.

10. Clearances between the edge of the landscaping and public utility service fittings must comply with the Minimum Clearance Distance outlined in the table below:

SERVICE FITTINGS	MINIMUM CLEARANCE (M) DISTANCE
Electricity Service (pits and power poles)	0.8
Telstra Junction Box	1.0
Water Meter	0.6
Water Supply Valve	1.0
Hydrant Point	1.0
Sewerage Main	0.6
Underground Cables	1.0

11. Any damage caused to public utility services as part of the landscaping must be reported to the relevant service authority as soon as possible and will be repaired at the property owner's expense.
12. The removal of Council maintained street trees or shrubs from the nature strip is not permitted.
13. Any landscaping must be maintained by the resident to the following standards:
  - i. a maximum height of 750mm;
  - ii. all weeds above 200mm must be removed;
  - iii. must be free draining; and
  - iv. any litter must be removed.
14. The property owner is responsible for all costs associated with:
  - i. the construction and maintenance of the landscaping; and
  - ii. complying with the conditions.

## RECOMMENDED PLANT LIST

SHRUBS	
SPECIES NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Allamanda oenanthera</i> 'Sunee'	Dwarf Allamanda
<i>Austromyrtus dulcis</i>	Midjim Berry
<i>Babbingtonia virgata</i> 'La Petite'	Twiggy Heath Myrtle
<i>Bougainvillea</i> 'White Cascade'	White Cascade Bougainvillea
<i>Bougainvillea</i> 'Zulu'	Purple Bambino Bougainvillea
<i>Calliandra tweedii</i> 'Horizontalis'	Red Flash, Dwarf Powder Puff
<i>Callistemon</i> 'Little John'	Dwarf Bottlebrush
<i>Graptophyllum excelsum</i>	Queensland Fuchsia
<i>Graptophyllum ilicifolium</i>	Holly Fuchsia
<i>Grevillea</i> 'Poorinda Royal Mantle'	Royal Mantle Grevillea
<i>Nandina domestica</i> 'Nana'	Dwarf Heavenly Bamboo
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i> 'Wheeler's Dwarf'	Miss Muffet, Dwarf Japanese Laurel



GROUNDCOVERS	
SPECIES NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Adiantum atroviride</i> (aethiopicum)	Native Maidenhair Fern
<i>Acalypha chamaedrifolia</i> 'Summer Love'	Summer Love
<i>Adiantum hispidulum</i>	Rough Maidenhair Fern
<i>Aechmea caudata</i>	Aechmea
<i>Aechmea gamosepala</i>	Matchstick Cactus
<i>Aechmea recurvata</i> var. <i>benrathii</i>	Aechmea
<i>Agapanthus praecox</i> var. <i>orientalis</i>	Nile Lily
<i>Alcantarea glaziouana</i>	White Empress Bromeliad
<i>Aptenia cordifolia</i>	Baby Sunrose
<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i> 'Alba'	Silver Artemisia
<i>Aspidistra elatior</i>	Cast Iron Plant
<i>Asplenium australasicum</i>	Birdnest Fern
<i>Billbergia nutans</i>	Queen's Tears
<i>Billbergia pyramidalis</i>	Pineapple Lily
<i>Bougainvillea</i> 'Little Guy'	Little Guy Bougainvillea
<i>Bougainvillea</i> 'Little Caroline'	Little Caroline Bougainvillea
<i>Bougainvillea</i> 'Temple Fire'	Temple Fire Bougainvillea
<i>Brachyscome multifida</i>	Cut-leafed Daisy
<i>Bulbine frutescens</i>	Cats' Tail Lily
<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	Vinca
<i>Chlorophytum cosmosum</i> 'Mandianum'	Spider Plant
<i>Cissus alata</i> 'Ellen Danica'	Grape Ivy
<i>Clivea miniata</i>	Kaffir Lily
<i>Crinum mauritanum</i>	Spider Lily
<i>Cryptomium falcatum</i>	Holly Fern
<i>Cymbopogon refractus</i>	Barbed-wire Grass
<i>Davallia feejeensis</i>	Rabbits Foot Fern
<i>Dianella atraxis</i>	Atherton Flax Lily
<i>Dianella caerulea</i>	Blue Flax Lily
<i>Diets bicolor</i>	Yellow Wild Iris
<i>Diets flavida</i>	Smoky Wild Iris
<i>Diets grandiflora</i>	White Wild Iris
<i>Diets irioides</i>	White Wild Iris
<i>Doodia aspera</i>	Prickly Rasp Fern
<i>Drynaria rigidula</i>	Basket Fern
<i>Epiphyllum crenatum</i>	Epiphyllum
<i>Erigeron karvinskyanus</i>	Mexican Daisy
<i>Eucharis amazonica</i>	Amazon Lily

## GROUNDCOVERS CONTINUED

SPECIES NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Euphorbia hypericifolia</i> 'Diamond Frost'	Diamond Frost
<i>Gahnia aspera</i>	Redfuited Saw Sedge
<i>Gardenia jasminoides</i> 'Radicans'	Groundcover Gardenia
<i>Gaura lindheimeri</i>	White Butterflies
<i>Gazania rigens</i>	Black Eyed Daisy
<i>Gerbera jamesonii</i>	Gerbera Daisy
<i>Goodenia ovate</i>	Hop Goodenia
<i>Grevillea</i> 'Poorinda Royal Mantle'	Royal Mantle
<i>Hemerocallis</i> cultivars	Day Lily
<i>Hippeastrum cvs</i>	Hippeastrum
<i>Hippeastrum puniceum</i>	Orange Hippeastrum
<i>Hymenocallis littoralis</i>	Spider Lily
<i>Hymenocallis sp</i> 'Cayman Giant' ("speciosus")	Giant Spider Lily
<i>Juniperus conferta</i>	Shore Juniper
<i>Kalanchoe blossfeldiana</i>	Bedding Kalanchoe
<i>Kalanchoe fedtschenkoi</i>	Grey Kalanchoe
<i>Kalanchoe luciae</i>	Flap Jacks
<i>Kalanchoe tomentosa</i>	Panda Plant
<i>Ledebouria (Drimiopsis)</i> <i>petiolata</i>	Leopard Lily
<i>Liriope muscari</i> 'Evergreen Giant'	Evergreen Giant
<i>Liriope muscari</i> 'Just Right'	Just Right Liriope
<i>Lomandra confertifolia</i>	Dwarf Mat Rush
<i>Microsorium diversifolium</i>	Kandgaroo Fern
<i>Microsorium punctatum</i>	Leather Fern
<i>Myoporum ellipticum</i>	Coastal Myoporum
<i>Myoporum parvifolium</i>	Creeping Myoporum
<i>Neoregelia compacta</i>	Bleeding Heart Bromeliad
<i>Neoregelia marmorata</i>	Marbled Neoregelia
<i>Neoregelia spectabilis</i>	Painted Fingernails
<i>Nephrolepis hirsutula</i>	Mach Fern, Ostrich Fern
<i>Ophiopogon jaburan</i>	Giant Mondo Grass
<i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i>	Mondo Grass
<i>Ophiopogon intermedius</i> 'Stripey White'	Stripey White
<i>Phlebodium aureum</i>	Bear's Foot Fern
<i>Plectranthus amboinensis</i>	Allherb
<i>Plectranthus argentatus</i>	Silver Plectranthus
<i>Plectranthus graveolens</i>	Plectranthus
<i>Plectranthus neochilus</i>	Dogbane

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<i>Plectranthus neochilus</i> 'Pietersburg'	Creeping Dogbane
<i>Plectranthus parviflorus</i> 'Blue Spire'	Blue Spire
<i>Plectranthus sp</i> 'Atherton'	Atherton Plectranthus
<i>Poa labillardieri</i> (local progeny)	Large Tussock Grass
<i>Portea petropolitana</i> <i>var extensa</i>	Portea Bromeliad
<i>Proiphys cunninghamiana</i>	Brisbane Lily
<i>Scaevola aemula</i>	Fairy Fan-Flower
<i>Trachelospermum</i> <i>jasminoides</i> 'Tricolor'	Star Jasmine
<i>Tulbaghia simmleri</i>	Fragrant Society Garlic
<i>Tulbaghia violacea</i>	Society Garlic
<i>Vetivera zinzanioides</i> 'Monto'	Sterile Vetiver Grass
<i>Viola banksii</i>	Native Violet
<i>Zephyranthes candida</i>	White Indian Crocus

