

Checklist

This checklist will help you remain safe when developing your nature strip garden and provide your garden with the opportunity to thrive in the future.

If you have managed to tick 'YES' to all 13 questions, then you are on your way to a healthy, safe and thriving nature strip garden. If not, please revisit your garden design to ensure the best outcome.

1. Have you checked if your plans for a nature strip garden meet the requirements described in this guideline? If your plans do meet the requirements your garden is permissible. You must register your nature strip garden (Refer to page 14 for more information).
☐ YES ☐ NO
2. Have you checked if a local law permit is required for the works you are considering on your nature strip? (Refer to page 14).
☐ YES ☐ NO
3. Have you checked if your house is located in a heritage precinct. If you are located in a heritage precinct the nature strip garden requirements differ (Refer to page 17).
☐ YES ☐ NO
4. Have you checked if your nature strip supports existing native vegetation? Urban nature strips with remnant native vegetation are excluded from these guidelines - native vegetation is protected under law. (Refer to page 28).
☐ YES ☐ NO
5. Have you familiarized yourself with the 12 steps listed in the Before You Begin section? (Refer to page 9).
☐ YES ☐ NO
6. Will your plants and garden design remain within the permitted growth areas and ensure access is available to important infrastructure once matured? (Refer to page 20 for further information).
☐ YES ☐ NO
7. Have you confirmed that your surface treatment aligns with what our community wants? (Refer to page 15 for further information).
☐ YES ☐ NO
8. Is your nature strip designed as a Water Sensitive Design (WSD) treatment, such as a swale or channel? (Refer to page 10 for more information).
☐ YES ☐ NO
9. Are you willing to accept the responsibilities of a nature strip garden and the need for continued maintenance to ensure it supports the needs of our community? (Refer to page 15 for further information) If your answer is no, it is important now to reconsider your decision to start a nature strip garden.
☐ YES ☐ NO
10. Can your garden design still thrive without modifying or removing existing trees on the nature strip? (Refer to page 15 for further information).
☐ YES ☐ NO
11. Street trees: Have you ensured that you have included a planting exclusion zone around street trees? (Refer to page 27 for more information).
☐ YES ☐ NO
12. Have you confirmed that your nature strip garden does/ will not contain any prohibited equipment? (Refer to page 30 for more information).
☐ YES ☐ NO
13. Are you aware that as per Victoria's Road Safety Road Rules 2017, cars are not to be parked on nature strips? Fines may apply and vehicle owners held liable for any damage.
☐ YES ☐ NO