

## Declaration

I have completed the above checklist accurately and honestly, and confirm that the planting meets the requirements of the Nature Strip Gardens Policy.

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Insurance note

Council encourages gardeners to be covered by their home insurance policy.

Council will extend coverage under its liability insurance program to claims for injury or property damage arising out of footpath gardens, provided that they fully comply with the Nature Strip Gardens Guidelines including associated checklist.

However, Council's indemnity does not prevent a third party from making a claim against the owner for any injury, loss or damage caused by the verge gardens.

### Privacy Note

The purpose for which this information is being collected is for Council to keep on record the completed checklists from residents who want to establish and maintain a Nature Strip Garden.



## What's next?

Once completed send your checklist to:

**Email** [council@cbc.city.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@cbc.city.nsw.gov.au)

**Post** PO Box 8, Bankstown NSW 1885, Australia

### In person

**Bankstown Customer Service Centre**

Upper Ground Floor

Bankstown Civic Tower, 66 - 72 Rickard Road  
(Corner of Jacobs Street) Bankstown NSW 2200

**Campsie Customer Service Centre**

137 Beamish Street, Campsie NSW 2194

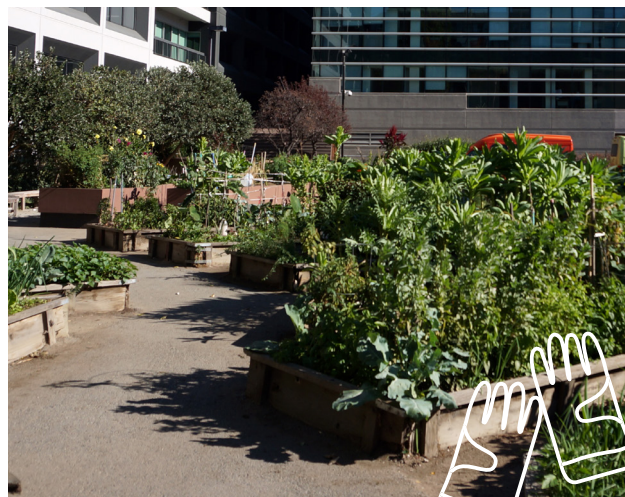
### Phone

To speak to someone about your project, call **9707 9000**.

### General Requirements for Nature Strip Gardens

*The Roads Act 1993* decrees Councils as the owners of all public roads in their local Government area, other than freeways or Crown roads.

Nature Strips are located within and form part of the road reserve.



# Guidelines for establishing a Nature Strip Garden



These guidelines support the City of Canterbury Bankstown's Nature Strip Garden Policy and are to be read in conjunction with this Policy.

## Tips before you start

Try to use native or water-wise plants and organic products. Council has a native plant guide, visit [cb.city/nativeplants](http://cb.city/nativeplants)

Before planting visit [cb.city/weeds](http://cb.city/weeds) to check your planting does not include weeds.

Consider watering by hand with collected rainwater or recycled water (irrigation systems are not permitted), and mulch to retain soil moisture.

As footpath nature strip gardens are on public footways, Council cannot take responsibility for any damage to gardens or their contents. You are responsible for maintaining your garden and keeping it safe, clean, healthy and attractive City officers may issue clean-up notices to residents who fail to maintain Nature Strip Gardens in a safe and satisfactory condition.

Contact Dial Before You Dig to help locate any underground services on [1100.com.au](http://1100.com.au) or call **1100**.

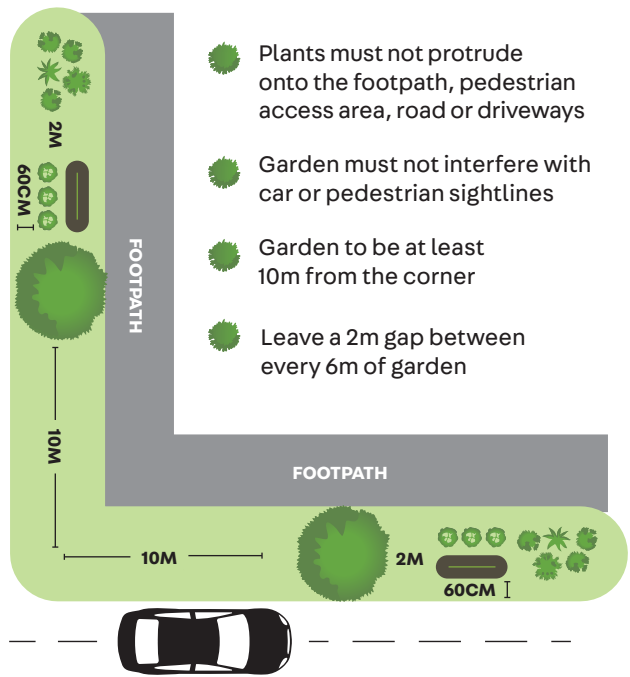
## Completing the checklist

Make sure you answer 'yes' to all relevant points in the checklist – you can contact us if you have questions or queries. You **must** answer yes to all the relevant points honestly and submit this form before undertaking any Nature Strip Gardening activities. If you cannot answer all relevant points yes then you will not be permitted to undertake Nature Strip Gardening activities.

The following areas are excluded from Nature Strip Garden applications:

- Areas mapped as endangered ecological communities;
- Areas formally mapped and registered as contaminated land;
- State Roads and reserves adjacent to State Roads;
- Town centres;
- Regional/arterial roads with two lanes in each direction; and
- Median strips and roundabouts.

Agreement	N/A	Y	N
The nature strip on which I will garden is located adjacent to the public footpath outside my property.			
The footpath nature strip on which I will garden is not a raingarden. Contact Council if you are uncertain.			
If there is no paved (concrete/asphalt/ pavers) footpath outside my property I have left a minimum of 2m from the boundary to allow for any new footpath.			
The nature strip on which I will garden is more than 10m from the corner intersection and 60cm from the kerb for car access - see diagram.			
Where there are signals the nature strip has 20m clearance from traffic signals to ensure clear views.			



Agreement	N/A	Y	N
My garden will not interfere with car or pedestrian sight lines.			
All planting will be carried out by hand with no excavation deeper than 30cm. Mechanised tools and equipment will not be used and care will be taken around drain pipes.			
My nature strip garden will not have stakes, guide wires or protrusions which may cause a hazard to users of the footpath and road. It will not have spiky or vegetation above 50cm tall which may block sight lines or impede people using the footpath, especially for pedestrians who are blind or have low vision.			
I have contacted Dial Before You Dig and have identified any underground services.			
My garden will not result in the pruning or removal of existing trees.			
I will leave a distance of 1m around tree trunks that are less than 30cm in diameter, to protect the trees and their roots. For trees trunks greater than 30cm in diameter I will leave 2m.			
Access of 2m in width will be provided at least once every 6m through the garden between the kerb and the footpath.			
My garden will not allow run-off of materials such as water, soil, mulch or debris onto the footpath, road or into drains.			
I have checked that my neighbours have agreed to this footpath garden.			
The owners' corporation of my strata scheme has agreed to the footpath garden.			

