

20 Sheoak Ct: The Survival Guide & Tips

Welcome! To keep things running smoothly and ensure we stay on the right side of the Shire (and each other), here is a quick guide to life at Sheoak Court.

Parking: The "Need to Know"

Parking is tight in our cul-de-sac, so we must be strategic. We have a mix of House Etiquette and strict Shire of Kalamunda Laws we need to follow to avoid fines.

The House Etiquette

- **The Driveway:** It is "first-come, best-dressed" for the driveway spots. However, if you see someone arriving who really needs/wants to park undercover (e.g., they have a nicer car or just washed it), **politeness dictates giving them preference** for the top spots.
- **Don't Block Anyone In:** Please keep track of your housemates' work schedules. If you are parking behind someone, make sure you know when they need to leave so you don't make them late for work!
- **Designated Area:** We have a preferred street parking spot marked on the diagram below. Please aim for this spot first if the driveway is full.



The Law (Shire of Kalamunda)

We must adhere to the Local Government (Parking and Parking Facilities) Local Law 2019. Specifically for our cul-de-sac location, avoid these fines:

1. **The "Turning Circle" Rule:** You strictly **cannot** park in the cul-de-sac "bulb" in a way that obstructs vehicles from turning around (Clause 3(l)).
2. **Intersections:** Do not park within **10 metres** of an intersecting street corner (Clause 3(k)).
3. **Driveways:** Do not block any driveway or park so close that a car can't get in or out (Clause 3(c)).
4. **Footpaths:** Never park on a footpath or pedestrian crossing (Clause 3(f)).

The "Wet Clothes" Warning

Sprinkler Schedule: Mondays & Fridays @ 6:30 AM

If you hang your laundry out overnight on Sunday or Thursday, **bring it in before you sleep**. The sprinklers come on early, and they *will* soak your dry clothes. Don't learn this the hard way!

Kitchen & Storage: Your Space vs. Ours

Pantry (Dry Goods)

- **Tall Cupboard:** There is a designated shelf/space for each *person* to store their private items.
- **Bottom Cupboard:** This is a shared space for bulk items or larger goods that don't fit in your personal shelf.



The Fridge

- **Top Section:** A designated space is allocated *for each person* to store their food.
- **Bottom/Crispers:** Shared space for overflow or large items.



Shower Caddies

- In the shower, you have a claim over one caddy spot. Go for your life!

Bin Day: Tuesday Morning

Put these out Monday night. There is a Shire calendar on the fridge if you get confused (or just look at what the neighbours are doing).

- **Green Bin:** Goes out every week.
- **Yellow (Recycling) / Red (General):** These alternate fortnightly.

CRITICAL NOTE: Our Red (General Waste) bin is **tiny**. You *must* separate your recycling correctly, or the red bin will overflow by Tuesday. Please flatten cardboard boxes!

Please be mindful when placing the bins to avoid putting them near our neighbours' bins, as the cul-de-sac makes it difficult for the driver to collect them otherwise.

The "Karma System" (Shared Supplies)

We don't use a strict spreadsheet for purchasing shared items (Such as Toilet paper, dish soap, and bin bags). We operate on a **Common Understanding**.

The Rule of Thumb:

If you find yourself thinking, "Gosh, I haven't bought toilet paper in a while...", that is your sign to buy some! If everyone pitches in when they notice things running low, we never run out.

Proactive Cleaning

We do not have a cleaning roster on the fridge.

- **Philosophy:** We are all adults. If you see a mess, or if something is dirty, clean it.
- **Expectation:** Proactively clean up after yourself and pitch in on the communal areas. If the floor looks dirty, vacuum it. If the trash is full, take it out.

Treasure Hunt: Where to Find Stuff

You never know what you might find in the drawers, but here are the guarantees:

- **Kitchen Drawers:** Bin bags, cling wrap (also known as Cellophane wrap), baking paper, and aluminium foil.
- **Laundry:** Cleaning chemicals, extra toilet paper, and a shared iron.