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## Front Garden Installation Guide

STAGES 1 TO 4







### INTRODUCTION

The future appearance of streets in Aurora depends on a highly desirable cohesion of landscaping guidelines by the planners and the individual preferences of home-owners.

Guidelines laid down by Aurora's experienced landscape designers allow unlimited opportunities for you to impose your own personal creativity on the streetscapes and gardens you, your neighbours and future residents will enjoy.

The discipline of basic front garden landscaping allows gardens and houses to co-exist harmoniously, without competing, so that your street presents a beautifully integrated vista.

Time limitations on completion of landscaping and garden planting are in place to ensure that you don't have to wait for years for the vision to be completed — you and neighbouring owners will be living in an established environment very soon after you have moved in. The addition of value to your street, and your home, will be virtually immediate.

### FRONT GARDEN LANDSCAPING PROGRAM

To achieve this rapid progress, your front garden landscape must include:

- One advanced tree;
- Large shrubs, small shrubs and groundcovers;
- Irrigated garden beds, with imported topsoil, mulch and timber edging;
- Irrigated lawn areas; &
- Concrete steppers to the side gate (if applicable).

Please refer to Figure O1 below for typical setout.



O1 - typical front garden landscape setout for 3 lots - NTS

## THE REQUIREMENTS

- Front garden landscaping will be undertaken by the builder using a VicUrban approved landscape contractor.
- Builders are to submit landscape plans conforming to these guidelines for approval prior to works being commenced.
- Works must be verified by a VicUrban representative.
- Verification includes inspection of completed works, completion of maintenance period, receipts and/or delivery dockets, certified contractor details, and land ownership information.
- Only front garden landscape designs using the species list particular to a street type will be approved by VicUrban (see below).
- Front yards or all areas visible to public areas must be landscaped in accordance with approved plans prior to handover. Designs must be in accordance with these guidelines and incorporate, as a minimum, elements outlined in the Front Garden Installation Guide.

## IRRIGATION

Each dwelling must install an automatic irrigation system to their front garden. All private irrigation systems must be drawn from the recycled water ('third pipe') system through an authority meter. Use of potable water is not permitted. Drip emitter irrigation systems within garden beds and lawn areas are preferred. Spray systems should be avoided due to water loss from evaporation. Sprays are not permitted within garden bed areas. The irrigation system should be set on a timer for minimum water use (night operation) and accord with all water authority requirements.

## GARDEN COMPONENTS

Minimum components of the front garden landscape required for typical lot frontages are:

Description	Unit	> 14.5m frontage	14.5 – 12.5m frontage	<12.5 – 9m frontage	<9m frontage
Pre-cast concrete steppers (400 x 400mm on 80mm depth FCR)	no.	5	3	3	3
Garden beds - incl. preparation, 150mm topsoil & organic mulch	m2	20	17	12	12
Timber edging	lin.m	12	10	7	7
Lawn - incl. preparation, 100mm depth topsoil & turf	m2	15	13	9	9
Large shrubs - 200mm pot size	no.	12	10	7	7
Small shrubs - 150mm pot size	no.	26	22	15	15
Groundcovers - 150mm pot size	no.	40	34	23	23
Advanced Trees - 1.5-2.0m height	no.	1	1	1	1
Irrigation	m2	35	30	21	21
Maintenance	weeks	6	6	6	6

Note : corner lots require 20% more (excluding trees).

Landscaping along side fence to be shrubs of a size that reflects the space available.





## LANDSCAPE DESIGN

The front garden landscape design is based on Aurora landscape guidelines, and whether you're a resident or home owner, we want you to feel completely free to build on and personalise your front garden within the designed framework.

The design is based on four street types, to achieve consistent streetscapes:

- North-South - Type 1.
- North-South - Type 2.
- East-West - Type 1.
- East-West - Type 2

*(Please refer to the front garden plan (Figure 02) for each street type.)*

The choice of front garden plant species is therefore dependent on street tree species and street orientation. Only front garden landscape designs using the species list particular to a street type will be approved by VicUrban (refer to pages 5 & 6).

This brochure outlines the minimum front garden requirements for all dwellings and essentially establishes a structure for your garden. There are however immense opportunities to build upon this *Front Garden* landscape framework to create a highly personalised and beautiful garden. For advice on how to achieve this, please refer to the Aurora landscape guidelines.



02 - front garden types - NTS