



# HUME CITY COUNCIL

# LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES

## Garden beds and edging

### Garden beds

- Garden beds are to be a maximum of 3m wide, with a preferred a minimum of 500mm
- Garden beds adjacent to lawn are to have continuous fluid lines, rather than corners with harsh angles, for ease of mowing access.
- Where trees are planted in garden beds, all understorey planting is to be a minimum of 1m from the base of the tree
- Garden beds should not be used on slopes steeper than 1:3. If no alternatives are available, the slope is to be terraced to be a maximum 1m high and should aim to be at least 2m wide
- Garden beds are to be mounded a minimum of 150mm using soil with ameliorants, such as compost mixed into the soil.
- Plant species and planting locations must consider the ultimate width of plants when established and be set back accordingly from path edges to reduce ongoing maintenance.
- Planting density is to aim to achieve minimum 80% canopy closure within two years to suppress weed growth
- For designing with garden beds refer to the Landscape Design Considerations section, and Hume's recommended species lists

### Edging

- Edging is used to contain crushed rock or softfall mulch, to define garden beds, and between areas of differing surface treatments.

### Preferred edging materials

- Spade edging - between garden beds and turf
- Steel edging - to contain gravel
- Concrete edging - around playgrounds to contain rubber and softfall mulch

### Non - preferred edging materials

In certain situations, the following edging materials will be accepted by Council:

- Recycled plastic or Composite timber edging with a minimum thickness of >75mm
- ACQ treated pine timber with a minimum thickness of >75mm



## Additional requirements for developers

- Glare barrier planting is required where access roads abut connector or arterial roads. Glare barrier planting creates a visual separation and prevent driver confusion. Refer to Department of Transport requirements.
- Council has a right to extend the maintenance period if the developer fails to undertake regular maintenance.

## References

### Landscape Design Considerations

### Road Reserves and Traffic Treatments

### Standard Drawings:

- Edging - Reinforced Concrete SLD-7.1
- Edging - Spade SLD-4.2
- Edging - Steel SLD-4.1

