

The City of Stirling is committed to preserving tree canopy and values the essential benefits our urban forest provides.



Trees help shade and cool our City, influence health and wellbeing and improve the look, feel and liveability of our neighbourhoods.

However, within the narrow constraints of a right of way, it is not always possible to retain a tree as part of the proposed upgrade works.

The City must ensure the laneway is safe for all users and accessible for emergency services vehicles.

The removal of any tree by the City will always be a last resort. Trees in rights of way under development will be considered for removed if:

- The tree is dead, dying or diseased.
- The tree is structurally unsafe due to ground level changes and pressure from adjacent properties.
- The minimum width required for vehicles to drive past the tree safely may not be achievable, which is particularly important for emergency service vehicles.
- If the City considers the tree is a species with little benefit or value, such as:
  - Brazilian pepper tree (weedy and uncontrollable growth that can spread and cause property damage)
  - Cape Lilac tree (carries insect pests such as the white cedar moth caterpillar that will gestate and metamorphosis inside roof spaces of houses)
  - Robinia Mop Tops (has thorns and self-suckering regrowth that can take over neighbouring properties).

The City will assess trees in laneways as part of the rights of way upgrade design process.

Where a tree is identified as possibly requiring removal, the City will engage the services of an independent Arboricultural Consultant to provide a written report explaining what impact the upgrade works will have on the tree. This report will help determine the City's decision.

For more information about the City's commitment to increasing tree canopy in our suburbs, visit [www.stirling.wa.gov.au/waste-and-environment/trees](http://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/waste-and-environment/trees) .