



Information Sheet

Asset Services Information Sheet 2

Adopt – A Tree - Program

What is the Adopt-A-Tree-Program?

The Adopt-a-Tree program calls on residents, businesses and groups in the community to work in partnership with the Town to care for approximately 8,600 street trees. Anyone in the Town of Bassendean community can register as a tree adopter. Adopters can care for a street tree (or several trees) in one or more ways, for example:

- observing the street tree and reporting any changes to the Town of Bassendean;
- removing weeds from around the base of the tree;
- watering the tree or;
- submitting an application to the Town to alter the verge adjacent to their property, in accordance with the Council's Permissible Verge Treatment guidelines.

The Town can support tree adopters by providing advice, resources and/or physical assistance where needed.

How does the Program Work?

1. If you would like to adopt a street tree, please either:
 - a) fill in the registration form included as part of this brochure, and return it to the Town of Bassendean or
 - b) contact the Town by email at mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au or by telephone on 9377 9000
2. The Parks Supervisor will visit your street tree(s) to conduct a tree inspection. This will involve advice and information about ways you can help to care for your street tree(s).
3. The Town will provide support and advice through public education programs and regular correspondence with tree adopters.

Tree care: Juvenile Trees

Young trees are vulnerable to weeds (which compete for moisture and nutrients), pests and vandalism. In order to survive and thrive, juvenile trees need correct staking, mulch around their base, and watering once per week during the dry months.

Tree adopters can assist juvenile trees by:

- monitoring and reporting any changes in the tree's condition;
- removing weeds to within 1 metre of the trunk;
- providing the tree with one good watering per week (approximately four 10 litre buckets, or the equivalent).



Tree care: Mature trees

Some of the signs that indicate when a mature tree is unwell or suffering from stress include:

- leaves dropping leaf tips and margins turning brown – this is potentially a sign of water stress;
- tip growth beginning to die back and dead twigs appearing;
- branches dying.

Tree adopters can assist mature trees by:

- monitoring and reporting any changes in the tree's condition;
- recognising that the verge adjacent to your property is an important water supply area for the street tree.

More information about changes permitted to the verge area adjacent to your property can be provided at the time of your tree inspection.

Water information regarding watering of street trees:

At the time of printing this brochure, the Water Corporation had imposed water restrictions. Watering at the base of your adopted street tree is permissible; however please refer to the current watering restriction requirements at www.watercorporation.com.au/save-water/watering-days

Please find attached an Adopt-A-Tree Application Form or visit our website www.bassendean.wa.gov.au and click on Information & Feedback, General Information Sheets, 'Trees - Adopt-A-Tree Program'.

Important:

If you are temporarily or permanently no longer able to care for your adopted tree, you are requested to notify the Town with as much advance notice as possible so that other arrangements can be made for the care of the tree



ADOPT-A-TREE REGISTRATION FORM

* Mandatory Field

1. Full Name*	
2. Address of street trees to be adopted*	
3. Number of street trees to be adopted*	
4. Telephone contact (for tree inspection)*	
5. Contact email (for tree inspection)	
6. Postal address (If different to above)	
7. Where did you hear about the Town of Bassendean's Adopt a Tree program? (Please tick one of the below options):	
Bassendean Briefings	
Newspaper	
Community Group	
Town of Bassendean staff member	
Word of mouth	
Other	

Please return your completed form to the Town of Bassendean via:

Post: PO Box 87, Bassendean WA 6934

Email: mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au

Fax: 08 9279 4257

Drop: Customer Service Centre, 35 Old Perth Road, Bassendean

Website: www.bassendean.gov.au Email: mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au Tel: (08) 9377 8000