

Artificial Turf Removal Policy Procedure (Prior to 1 March 2021)

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1. Introduction

Verges (or nature strips) are important components of the Town of Walkerville's streetscapes and assist in defining the character and visual appeal of local streets. Footpaths and verges also provide a space for safe pedestrian and cyclist movement; vehicular access to private properties; accommodate public assets and amenities including street trees, furniture, bus stops and street lights; and above and below ground infrastructure such as water, sewer, gas, electricity and telecommunications.

The increased green space that landscaped verges provide can assist in providing shade and absorbing heat from hard surfaces. Landscaped verges can help to mitigate the effects of increased temperatures and this is particularly important as the frequency and intensity of heatwaves is predicted to increase. Landscaped verges can also provide additional flora for biodiversity and food for local fauna.

2. Scope

For the purpose of interpretation this policy procedure is in reference to any artificial turf that has been installed on a Council verge prior to 1 March 2021.

3. Definition

Verge	The land between the property boundary and the kerb
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4. Policy Procedure

The actions required to perform this procedure are described below.

4.1 Non-Approved Artificial Turf

Action	Timing
Make written contact with resident at which the encroachment has occurred advising of the encroachment and requirement to remedy the site. If contact has been made Council will work with resident to advise of options to reinstate, Council will remove artificial turf on the residents behalf (artificial turf will be returned to resident) and replace with mulch. If they wish to have an alternative to mulch it will be at the resident's expense.	As identified with six weeks to make contact with Administration.
If no response has been received, second letter to be sent advising of encroachment. If contact has been made Council will work with resident to advise of options to reinstate, Council will remove artificial turf on the residents behalf and replace with mulch. If they	Six weeks after first letter, with additional four weeks to make contact with Administration.

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<p>If no response has been received, third letter to be sent advising of encroachment.</p> <p>If contact has been made Council will work with resident to advise of options to reinstate, Council will remove artificial turf on the residents behalf and replace with mulch. If they wish to have an alternative to mulch it will be at the resident's expense.</p>	Four weeks after second letter with additional four weeks to make contact with Administration.
If no response has been received, Administration will undertake the removal of the artificial turf and charge the resident for costs to remove and replace with mulch.	Four weeks after third letter.

4.2 Approved Artificial Turf

Action	Timing
<p>Make written contact with resident at which the encroachment has occurred advising of the changes to the Public Land Encroachment Policy and the impacts of artificial turf.</p> <p>Offering to negotiate the reinstatement of the verge area to an approved development pursuant to the Public Land Encroachment Policy. Costs for reinstatement are to be negotiated (Council contribution up to a value of \$40 per square meter)</p>	As identified with six weeks to make contact with Administration.
<p>If no response has been received, second letter to be sent advising of the changes to the Public Land Encroachment Policy and the impacts of artificial turf.</p> <p>Offering to negotiate the reinstatement of the verge area to an approved development pursuant to the Public Land Encroachment Policy. Costs for reinstatement are to be negotiated (Council contribution up to a value of \$40 per square meter)</p>	Six weeks after first letter, with additional four weeks to make contact with Administration.
<p>If no response has been received, third letter to be sent advising of the changes to the Public Land Encroachment Policy and the impacts of artificial turf.</p> <p>Offering to negotiate the reinstatement of the verge area to an approved development pursuant to the Public Land Encroachment Policy. Costs for reinstatement are to be negotiated (Council contribution up to a value of \$40 per square meter)</p>	Four weeks after second letter with additional four weeks to make contact with Administration.

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5. Availability of Policy

- 5.1. This Policy will be available for inspection at Council's principal office during ordinary business hours and on Council's website www.walkerville.sa.gov.au
- 5.2. Copies will also be provided to interested members of the community upon request and payment of associated fees in accordance with Council's schedule of fees and charges.

6. Review

This Policy will be reviewed by the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville within 12 months of each Council general election.