

Tree and Plant Management

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the responsibilities of the Housing Trust and tenants' with regard to tree and plant management.

2. Policy

Trees and plants often enhance the properties that tenants rent and create a sense of wellbeing. Trees and plants are often located in common areas of properties and will be maintained by the Housing Trust.

Tenants are expected to respect the trees and plants and assist the Housing Trust to maintain them. Tenants will be responsible for maintaining trees and plants on the property they rent which is stated within the lease agreement.

3. Responsibility

The Housing Trust is responsible for selecting, planting, maintaining, pruning and removing all plants and trees in common areas as well as mowing lawns in these areas. Trees over the height of 1.8m will be maintained by the Housing Trust.

Tenants are responsible for maintaining or arranging to maintain the grounds within their individual lots. Vegetation must be trimmed regularly to let light into windows and let air circulate around buildings. This includes:

- Mowing lawns
- Watering
- Weeding
- Mulching garden beds
- Pruning and trimming all plants
- All trees which can be reached from a 1.8m standard ladder
- Trays/saucers must be provided for pot plants on balconies, verandas and paved areas

Permission must be sought from the Housing Trust if a tenant would like to plant a tree.

4. Common areas

Tenants cannot plant any trees, plants or climbers in common areas. Tenants cannot build garden beds or structures or remove existing vegetation.