

OVERHANGING VEGETATION FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY

Does your garden overhang a footpath, roadway or prevent your neighbour seeing out of their driveway when backing out onto the street?

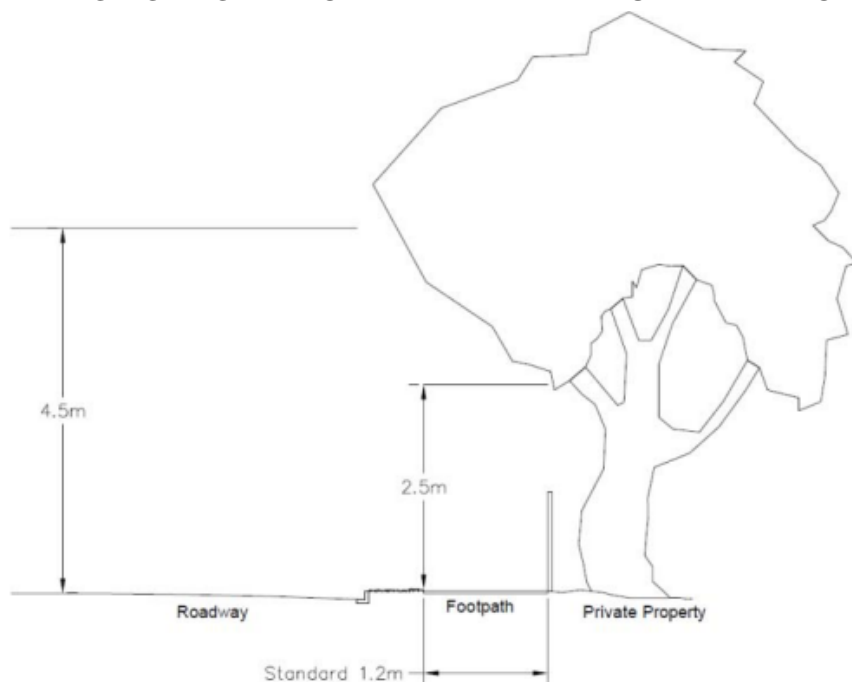
Trees, shrubs or groundcovers that overhang or encroach on footpaths, roads or public spaces can create challenges for pedestrians, particularly people with impaired vision or mobility and families with children. For road users, overhanging vegetation could obstruct signage or sight lines.

Private vegetation is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain. Under Section 254 of the *Local Government Act, 1999* Council can request that the vegetation is cut back to meet Council standards. Failure to comply with a request could result in Council pruning back the vegetation and invoicing the owner of the property to recoup the costs.

Some tips to help you get started:

- The whole of the footway should be kept clear at all times
- Vertical clearance should be 2.5m over the footway and 4.5m over the road
- When planting near property boundaries allow enough space for the plants to grow so they do not require regular pruning
- Do not leave sharp branch stumps overhanging the footway these can also cause injury
- Prune hedges regularly
- When you prune in winter make sure you allow for the rain which can weigh down the branches and make them lower
- Prune groundcovers off the footway regularly

OVERHANGING VEGETATION CLEARANCE – RESIDENTIAL ROADS



* Please note arterial roads may require larger clearances

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