

Suitable Trees to Plant in Residential Areas of the South Waikato



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Trees are a valuable addition to any residential garden. They can add colour to your garden, shade to your outdoor living area and provide areas for wildlife to live. However, if enough thought isn't put into selecting the correct tree, you could be left with an expensive problem later on. This brochure is aimed at providing some guidance when you are selecting which tree to purchase so that you have a tree that enhances your residential section, but will reduce the bother in the future.



Things to consider when choosing a tree:

- Choose a tree that will do well in your climate
- The height given on a label when the tree is purchased is usually a ten year average. In a warm, wet climate with good soil, the tree could reach the height in half the time. Consider the height the tree could reach in 15, 20 or 30 years.
- Formative pruning in the early stages of your tree's life could save time and hassle later on.
- Consider the type of root system your tree will have. Could it disturb paths or the foundations of buildings (including the neighbour's buildings.)
- Consider the effect your tree could have on your neighbour in the future. Could it potentially block their view or sunlight?
- Choose a suitable location i.e. not too close to the boundary, a building, drain or a driveway.

Recommended species of trees:

Exotics

- Acer sp. (Maple)
- Albizia (Silk Tree)
- Cercis (Chinese Redbud)
- Cornus (Flowering Dog woods)
- Crataegus (Scarlet Hawthorn)
- Ilex (Holly)
- Lagerstromia (Crepe Myrtle)
- Magnolia (Magnolia)
- Malus (Flowering Crab Apple)
- Michelia (Michelia)
- Prunus (Flowering Cherry)
- Pyrus (Silver Pear)
- Sorbus (Rowan)
- Thuja



Natives

- Aristotelia (Wineberry)
- Cordyline (Cabbage Tree)
- Hedycarya (Pigeonwood)
- Hoheria (Lacebark)
- Pittosporum (Lacebark)
- Plagianthus (Ribbonwood)
- Pseudopanax (Five Finger)
- Sophora (Kowhai)



How do I find out more?

Please contact your local nursery.



Disclaimer

While reading this brochure, it is important to note that this is intended as a guide only. Council will not be held responsible for the advice in this brochure, and any trees that are planted as a result of this guidance.

If you need advice or guidance, Council recommends that you speak to your local nursery.

If you are concerned about your neighbour's tree, please read Council's brochure 'Your Legal Rights: trees, fences and neighbours.'

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