

6 GENERAL RULE

6.19 LANDSCAPING

6.19.1 ISSUES, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, AND METHODS

See Part B(11)(a).

6.19.2 RULES FOR LANDSCAPING

Minimum Area of Landscaping Required

- (1) Where parking is provided, other than in the Industrial H Zone, an area equivalent to 10% of the area of the parking and manoeuvring areas shall be landscaped.
- (2) In Residential Zones other than for residential, home occupations, and farming activities a landscaped or grassed area covering not less than 20% of the total area of the site shall be provided.
- (3) Other than as provided for in the Industrial Zones, where a building is required to be setback from site boundaries with a road frontage, an area of landscaping shall be provided between the road frontage and the building to a depth of 3 metres.

- (4) Landscaped areas shall have an internal minimum dimension of one metre.

(5) Landscape Plan Required

Where any landscaping is required a proposed landscape plan shall be submitted prior to any development of the site. The landscape plan shall demonstrate how the other provisions of 6.19.2, Performance Standards for the zone, or condition of any resource consent are met.

NOTE: Council may recommend changes to the proposed plan e.g. to avoid traffic safety conflicts or to suggest alternative species more suited to the location.

(6) Trees Required within Landscaped Areas

All required landscaping shall be completed before any use commences or building is occupied unless a bond agreement has been completed with the Council for the value of such landscaping. In such cases any required planting shall be carried out within 6 months.

- (7) Where the boundary with the road frontage is 10 metres or more in width along the road boundary the area of required landscaping shall be planted with at least one tree, with an additional tree planted for every additional 10 metres of road frontage (see Tree Guidelines for recommended species). Trees shall be evergreen; capable of reaching a height of at least 8 metres and a diameter of 5 metres; and shall have a minimum height of 2 metres at the time of planting.
- (8) In addition to the above rules one tree shall be planted for every 10 car parking spaces required on the site. Where there are less than 10 car parking spaces no additional trees will be required.
- (9) Where three or more trees are required on road frontages those trees shall be planted not more than 10 metres apart.

NOTE: See Tree Guidelines for recommended trees for street and landscape planting.

(10) **Watering and Maintenance**

All areas of landscaping shall include provision for watering or irrigation systems for the planted area.

- (11) All landscaping required in 6.19.2 shall be maintained in good condition and where necessary shall be reinstated with replacement landscaping.

(12) **Provision for Cash in Lieu of Landscaping**

Should landscaping to meet the requirements of the District Plan not be practical on a given site because of the location of an existing building Council may grant its consent to a discretionary activity and accept as an alternative to the landscaping cash to the value of the landscaping establishment plus maintenance for 5 years (such money shall be placed in Council's reserves fund).