

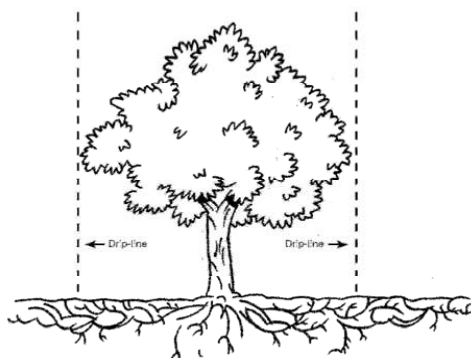
## Construction Standards for Planting of Trees and Shrubs on Rural Road Reserves

### Planting of trees and shrubs is not permitted on urban road reserves.

A Services Consent for planting of trees and shrubs on rural road reserves is not required provided planting is installed to the following Council Standards.

1. The landowner or their agent is to pay all costs associated with the installation and maintenance of planting of trees and shrubs.
2. Plantings shall in no way affect the safety of the travelling public or damage or interfere with existing or future pipes and/or cables.
3. Shelter belt planting is not permitted on the road reserve.
4. Plantings shall be compatible with the surrounding landscape.
5. No planting shall be permitted closer than 6.0 metres from the centre of the road. Trees must be at least 7.0 metres from the centre of the road. No planting shall take place within 50 metres of an intersection or inside of a corner.
6. The applicant shall be responsible for the cost of reinstatement of any services damaged and the clearing and reinstatement of all inlets of culverts and cutouts within the area.
7. The applicant is responsible for the maintenance of the area and for ensuring that the planting does not at any time become an obstruction or danger to the road or road users. This includes thinning, pruning or topping of plants if required by Council. Timaru District Council reserves the right to have any remedial work carried out at the landowner's costs if for any reason the Timaru District Council believes this is necessary.
8. **The landowner is to ensure that any planting within the vicinity of Council owned water, sewer or stormwater pipelines must be clear of the fully matured plants "Drip Zone".**

**Advice Note:** *The cost of repairing any damage to Council infrastructure from foliage or root infiltration from the proposed planting on the road reserve will be the responsibility of the landowner.*



9. The Contractor is required to lodge a Corridor Access Request (CAR) with the Timaru District Council through the “beforeUdig” website: [www.beforeudig.co.nz](http://www.beforeudig.co.nz) and have it approved **prior to commencing work within the road corridor**. Please note the CAR will require an approved Traffic Management Plan prepared by a qualified person.
10. Timaru District Council will not be liable for any damage done to the planting of trees and shrubs in the future from any cause whatsoever.
11. If any of above specifications cannot be physically achieved on-site, please contact Council’s Land Transport Unit for specific installation instructions prior to commencing work.

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Any questions regarding these construction standards should be directed to:

- Timaru District Council’s Land Transport Unit (03) 687 7200