



Overgrown Allotments

Overgrown land may pose a risk to public health and safety, by attracting reptiles and harbouring vermin and mosquitoes. Further to this, overgrown land may become a fire hazard if left to dry, and is often an eye-sore

In accordance with *Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environment Management) 2011*, it is an offence for land to be kept in such a way that the vegetation has seriously affected the visual amenity of the allotment, or is likely to attract or harbour reptiles.

My neighbours block is overgrown, what can I do?

If your neighbours block is overgrown, and you are unable to discuss this with your neighbour, a request can be logged with Council. To do this, please contact Council's Customer Contact Centre on 1300 COUNCIL, ensuring you have full address details of the property. Please note that by logging this request, Council will not immediately enter the property and perform the works, as due process must be followed.

There are three phases to Council's standard response to such customer request. Following an initial request, Council will notify the owner of the property that Council has been notified their property is overgrown, and request that the matter is resolved within a two (2) week period. At this time, you, as the requestor, will also receive notification of the date in which Council expects the works to be complete.

Following this time, should the property remain overgrown, and you notify Council the property remains overgrown, a Council officer will conduct an inspection of the property to determine if the property is considered overgrown in accordance with the local laws. If it is found that the property is breaching the local law, the owner will then receive a notice under the local law requiring the works to be complete within a two (2) week period. Again, you will receive notification of the expected completion date, unless the relevant officer deems the property is not overgrown, at which time you will receive notification of this decision.

Following this request, should the property again remain overgrown, and notification be received by Council, Council or its contractors will enter the property and complete the works.

It is important to note that whilst this is Council's standard practice, authorised officers have the discretion to undertake a different course of action, should they see fit.

I have received a notification my property is overgrown, but cannot complete the works, can Council do it for me?

On most occasions, Council is unable to mow residents' properties for them. As such, if you are unable to maintain your property yourself, it is recommended that you engage the services of a mowing or gardening contractor on a regular basis to maintain the standard. Should you have extreme difficulties with this, please contact Council's Customer Contact Centre on 1300 COUNCIL to speak with the Engineering department and request a private works.



For further information,
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Customer Service

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