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Planting guide

Certain trees and shrubs planted too close to sewers, drains and water pipes can cause hidden leaks and sewer blockages and overflows on your property. We recommend you check this guide before planting any trees or shrubs in your garden.



What to plant

Common name	Scientific name
Blue flax lily	<i>Dianella caerulea</i>
Tall sedge	<i>Carex appressa</i>
Spiny-headed mat-rush	<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>
Common tussock grass	<i>Poa labillardieri</i>
Kangaroo grass	<i>Themeda triandra</i>
Common hovea	<i>Hovea acutifolia</i>
Austral indigo	<i>Indigofera australis</i>
Dogwood	<i>Jacksonia scoparia</i>
Dwarf banksia	<i>Banksia oblongifolia</i>
Hairy bush pea	<i>Pultenaea villosa</i>
Sweet wattle	<i>Acacia suaveolens</i>
Woombye bush	<i>Phebalium woombye</i>
Broad-leaved palm lily	<i>Cordyline petiolaris</i>
Blueberry ash	<i>Elaeocarpus reticulatus</i>
Plum myrtle	<i>Pilidiostigma glabrum</i>
Peanut tree	<i>Sterculia quadrifida</i>

How far from water or sewerage pipes to plant

Plant directly above or up to 1.5m away from pipes

Plant between 1.5m and 3m away from pipes

Plant beyond 3m from pipes

PIPE



What not to plant

- Golden Cane Palm
Dyopsis lutescens
- Gum tree
Eucalyptus sp.
- Common fig
Ficus carica
- Lilly pilly (large species)
Acmena sp., some Syzygium sp.
- Umbrella tree
Schefflera actinophylla
- West African tulip
Spathodea campanulata
- Pine tree
Pinus sp.
- Poinciana
Delonix regia
- Jacaranda
Jacaranda mimosifolia
- Broad-leaved paperbark
Melaluca quinquenervia
- Weeping paperbark
Melaluca leucadendron
- Mango tree
Mangifera indica
- Coral tree
Erythrina sp.
- Willow (all types)
Salix sp.
- Camphor Laurel
Cinnamomum camphora
- Wisteria
Wisteria sp.
- Black bean
Castanospermum australe

Please note: This list is a guide only and is not all inclusive. Your local nursery will be able to advise as to the suitability of other plants that may not be listed here. Additionally, while Unitywater understands the plant species listed here for planting are not likely to cause any root damage to water supply and sewerage pipes, no guarantee towards this is made. Find more information at unitywater.com