

Planting guide

Certain trees and shrubs planted too close to sewers, drains, stormwater run-off pipes and water supply pipes can cause pipes to block or break. Plant roots penetrate any imperfections in pipes to access the water within. This could lead to a concealed leak on your property, a blockage in the sewer main or a sewer overflow. Before planting any trees or shrubs, consult this guide.



Legend

How far from water supply and sewerage pipes to plant

- ● Directly above or up to 1.5m away
- ● Between 1.5m and 3m away
- ● Beyond the 3m zone

Distance from pipe

Distance from pipe	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 linearis</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>Ptilidostigma glabrum</i>
●	Piccabeen palm	<i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>
●	Peanut tree	<i>Sterculia quadrifida</i>

What to plant

What NOT to plant

Common name	Scientific name
Gum tree (large species)	<i>Eucalyptus sp.</i>
Common fig	<i>Ficus carica</i>
Lilly pillly (large species)	<i>Acmena sp., some Syzygium sp.</i>
Umbrella tree (an environmental weed in this area)	<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i>
West African tulip (a Class 3 weed)	<i>Spathodea campanulata</i>
Pine tree	<i>Pinus sp.</i>
Poinciana	<i>Delonix regia</i>
Jacaranda	<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>
Broad-leaved paperbark	<i>Melaluca quinquenervia</i>
Weeping paperbark	<i>Melaluca leucadendron</i>
Mango tree	<i>Mangifera indica</i>
Coral tree	<i>Erythrina sp.</i>
Willow (all types) (a Class 3 weed)	<i>Salix sp.</i>
Camphor Laurel (a Class 3 weed)	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>
Wisteria	<i>Wisteria sp.</i>
Black bean	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>

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