

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>	How far from water or sewerage pipes to plant
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>	Plant directly above or up to 1.5m away from pipes
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>	Plant between 1.5m and 3m away from pipes
Woombye bush	<i>Phebalium woombye</i>	
Broad-leaved palm lily	<i>Cordyline petiolaris</i>	
Blueberry ash	<i>Elaeocarpus reticulatus</i>	
Plum myrtle	<i>Ptilidiostigma glabrum</i>	
Peanut tree	<i>Sterculia quadrifida</i>	Plant beyond 3m from pipes

What **not** to plant

Common name	Scientific name
Golden Cane Palm	<i>Dypsis lutescens</i>
Gum tree	<i>Eucalyptus sp.</i>
Common fig	<i>Ficus carica</i>
Lilly pilli (large species)	<i>Acmena sp., some Syzygium sp.</i>
Umbrella tree	<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i>
West African tulip	<i>Spathodea c ampanulata</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)	<i>Salix sp.</i>
Camphor Laurel	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>
Wisteria	<i>Wisteria sp.</i>
Black bean	<i>Phaselous 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](https://www.unitywater.com)