

Temporary Works within a Road or Verge

There are occasions when council will approve a permit to conduct works within a road or verge. These permits are issued for short term use only and not intended for permanent use of the road or verge.

An example of the use of the road or verge can be:

Storing of shipping containers or skip bins for construction works
Crane lift of equipment e.g. pool installation
Renovations to shopfronts including painting awnings or erecting new signage
Storing of materials for constructions
Erecting signage or safety fences/barriers for construction
Demolition or constructions works

The road verge, also known as the nature strip or road reserve, within our region generally consists of grass, footpath and a council provided street tree.

To apply, you must complete the permit application form titled **'Temporary Works within a Road or Verge Application.'**

Each permit application is assessed on a case-by-case basis. A non-refundable application fee applies and must be paid on lodgement of application.

A bond will also be applicable and must be paid on lodgement of the application, Refer to the application form for bond details.

Why is a permit required?

A permit is required so council can assess the circumstances and ensure community safety is upheld and the road verge function is not compromised.

Services such as water, sewerage, power and telecommunications may be located within the road or verge and can be damaged during digging activities. A permit

also ensures that under and above ground utilities have been checked prior to any works being approved.

Certain activities conducted on the road verge require a local law approval under *Sunshine Coast Regional Council Subordinate Local Law No.1 (Administration) 2016 Schedule 4 - Alteration or improvement to local government controlled areas and roads.*

Public liability insurance

Where a permit application is approved, public liability insurance of \$20 million is required for temporary works within a road corridor.

Public liability insurance is required to protect the residents' interest should anything happen on council managed or controlled land where you intend to conduct activities. This will ensure that you, and anyone traversing the road verge is protected in the case of an accident or incident. Your home insurance company may provide public liability insurance.

Permit fees

A permit is required for the temporary occupation of the road or verge by a private resident for non-profit purpose and commercial buildings. Refer to the Temporary works within a road or verge application form for current application fees.

Why is there a bond?

The purpose of a bond is to cover any damage to existing infrastructure or vegetation and varies in accordance with level of risk and activity type.

Refer to the Temporary works within a road or verge application form for current bond fees.

The bond will be refunded once the activity is complete and council is satisfied that there has been no damage to existing vegetation or infrastructure outside of what was permitted.

Street Trees

Council has a long term goal to establish a healthy and sustainable street tree network across the region.

Adequate Tree Protection Zones (TPZ) must be established around existing trees near to the proposed works. TPZ consider both the crown and root area of a tree that requires protection for long-term viability.

The below figure provides an example of adequate TPZ to protect existing trees.

Figure 1: Adequate Tree Protection Zones



Dial Before You Dig

Council encourages residents to Dial Before You Dig. This free service provides information on underground utilities to ensure there are no services located within your proposed garden that may be impacted.

Visit www.1100.com.au or phone 1100.

How do I lodge my application?

Applications can be lodged at council's customer service centres or via council's website. Applications will be assessed in accordance with the documentation provided and suitability of the proposed works.

If necessary, a site visit may be conducted by an authorised council.

More information

For more information refer to council's [website](#)

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