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Mowing helps make your suburb *beautiful*

Did you know that residents are responsible for mowing the grassed verges at the front of their property? Council has new Nature Strip and Verge Mowing Guidelines that outline how you can look after your front verge.

By mowing the nature strip in front of your private properties, you are contributing to making our community a better place to live in.

At the same time, Cumberland City Council is making a greater investment to improve the presentation and amenity of local parks, public spaces and main roads across the Cumberland Local Government Area.

Council will continue to provide verge mowing services to pensioners and other residents that meet the criteria under Council's Verge Mowing Assistance Program.

For more information visit

www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/mowing

or to discuss how these changes affect you,
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Frequently asked *questions*

What is a verge?

A verge, also known as a nature strip, is the strip of grass that is located between the road and footpath in front of your house/property as indicated in the diagram below.

I have not mowed the grass on the verge/nature strip in front of my house before, what do I need to do?

The verge out the front of your property needs to be maintained by the property owner or resident. They should be mowed regularly and kept neat and tidy to ensure a presentable street is maintained.

What is being done with the money that used to pay for this service?

Council will be using it's resources to focus on improving the presentation of the Council area, including a quick response team within each Council Ward, that will focus on improving the appearance of our local parks, public spaces and main roads.

I currently get Centrelink allowances. Am I eligible for hardship assistance?

Not necessarily. Council will provide assistance with maintaining grassed nature strips to members of the community that meet the criteria for Hardship Assistance. Applications need to be made through the Verge Mowing Assistance Program for consideration.

What happens if I don't maintain the verge/nature strip out the front of my house?

It is important and maintain the nature strip outside your property to ensure it is in a safe and tidy condition. This helps to make our community a better place to live. If your verge remains unmaintained, Council will contact you by mail or arrange for a home visit.

I don't have much of a backyard; can I use the verge to grow vegetation instead of grass?

Yes, Council supports the modification of nature strips from traditional grass to low growing, soft foliage plants. However, any resident wishing to make these modifications must apply in writing to Council for approval before any work is carried out.

