

Looking after your yard

Keeping your yard clean and tidy makes your house and community look better. It can also make the house safer for you and your family by keeping away pests like mice, snakes and termites.

To keep your yard clean and safe:

- Mow the lawn regularly, including trimming edges and removing weeds, as long grass can attract snakes and mice.
- Trim bushes and trees to keep them away from your house and public paths. Also keep them away from your doors and windows to improve visibility and reduce hiding spots for intruders.
- Throw away rubbish in the wheelie bin so it's taken away and take large items to the rubbish tip.
- Move any piles of rubbish or grass clippings from the side of the house to stop termites getting to the house.
- Have any wrecked cars or boats removed from your yard.

Call Access Community Housing Company (ACHC) if anything needs to be fixed, such as broken fence palings, leaking taps or tree roots that you could trip over. Contact ACHC if you have any questions about requesting maintenance.



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Planting trees and shrubs

If you're thinking about planting trees and shrubs, consider:

- How big the trees will be fully grown, and whether they'll damage the home, footpaths or driveway
- Where to plant trees – at least 3m away from the house, and clear of sewerage, stormwater drains and service pipes
- Whether native trees would be better to encourage birds and shrubs that provide colour in your garden
- Pruning the trees to keep them from intruding on your neighbour's property or damaging your property

Contact ACHC before planting any trees or shrubs

Water saving tips for your garden

- Follow your local council's rules about water usage
- Water plants in the early morning or late afternoon to reduce water evaporation
- Remove weeds from your garden
- If you use a sprinkler, use a timer
- Mulch your garden to reduce water evaporation