

Good Roadside Gardening Practices





What is Roadside Gardening?

As we transform into a City in Nature, NParks is encouraging more people to garden as a means to bond with other members of their community, and to enjoy the benefits to health and well-being that come from being closer to nature.

This brochure features plants that are suitable for roadside gardening within private estates. We hope that it will inspire you to create a roadside garden together with your neighbours.

If you are interested in starting a roadside garden with your community, contact us at CommunityInBloom@nparks.gov.sg to find out more.

Good Roadside Gardening Practices

Roadside green verges are important public spaces used by your community and neighbours, and thus they should be well maintained, obstruction-free and aesthetically pleasing. You can make your roadside verge a safe and pleasant space by using small, low-maintenance plants, and by keeping your garden neat and tidy.

Tip 1:

Grow a variety of plants with a wide colour palette to create interest and add a pop of colour in your garden.



Tip 2:

Grow ornamental plants that have similar watering requirements near to each other for easier maintenance. For example, succulent plants that require less water can be clustered together.



Tip 3:

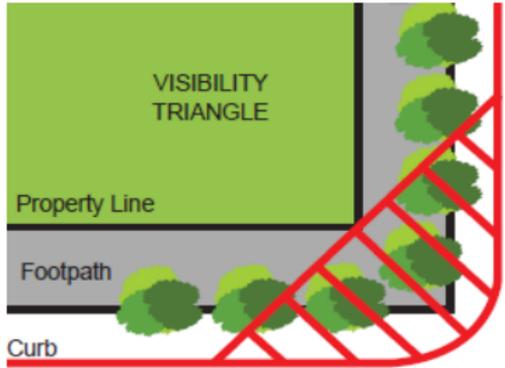
Choose small plants that will not exceed 1 m in height to ensure there is no obstruction to visibility between pedestrians and vehicles. Low groundcovers and small shrubs are ideal for roadside gardening.



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Tip 4:

Refrain from planting near road junctions as this can obstruct traffic visibility.



Tip 5:

Trim your plants and do housekeeping regularly so that the garden is aesthetically pleasing.



Tip 6:

Regularly remove debris such as disused garden ornaments, plant pots and dried leaves from your garden.



Tip 7:

Avoid growing plants that have an untidy growth habit (e.g., bananas, sugar cane) or placing pots on the walkway to keep the sidewalk clear for pedestrians.



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Tip 8:

Avoid plants with thorns, spikes and sharp leaves to reduce the likelihood of injury to people passing by.



Tip 9:

Regularly flush plants that collect water (bromeliads, cocoyams, pitcher plants, etc).



Tip 10:

Loosen compacted soil for better drainage and to prevent water ponding. Check pots and dishes regularly for stagnant water and clear them promptly.



Suitable Plants to Grow

Here is a list of small, low-maintenance plants that are suitable for roadside gardening.

Symbols



Prefers full shade



Requires little water



Prefers semi-shade



Requires a moderate amount of water



Prefers full sun



Requires a lot of water

Ornamental foliage and flowers

Ornamental foliage and flowers provide a pop of colour, and can be used to draw a viewer's eye to your garden.



Alternanthera

Alternanthera cultivars



Barometer Bush

Leucophyllum frutescens



Mistletoe Fig

Ficus deltoidea



Suitable Plants to Grow

Ornamental foliage and flowers



Periwinkle

Catharanthus cultivars



Rain Lily

Zephyranthes rosea



Shower of Gold

Galphimia glauca



Variegated Natal Plum

Carissa macrocarpa
'Humphreyi Variegata'



Water Jasmine

Wrightia religiosa



White Alder

Turnera subulata



Suitable Plants to Grow

Biodiversity-attracting plants

These plants are host or food plants for birds, bees and butterflies. By providing nectar, fruit or shelter, these plants will help to enhance your garden as a potential habitat for various pollinators.



Bamboo Orchid

Arundina graminifolia



Blue Snakeweed

Stachytarpheta indica



False heather

Cuphea hyssopifolia



Golden Dewdrop

Duranta erecta



Pentas

Pentas lanceolata (Pink)



Suitable Plants to Grow

Groundcovers

Groundcovers are small plants that spread quickly to cover the area where they are planted. They help prevent soil erosion and growth of weeds.



Episcia

Episcia cupreata



Pinklady

Heterotis rotundifolia



Portulaca

Portulaca cultivars



Red Ivy

Strobilanthes alternata



Yellow Peanut Plant

Arachis pintoii



Happy Gardening!



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