Greening information for residential buildings

Below is a list of opportunities for greening apartment buildings in the City of Melbourne:

**Funding green space on your property**

* [Community Inclusion Grants](https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/strong-communities/funding-grants/pages/community-grants.aspx) – Funding between $500 and $20,000. Owners’ Corporations can apply to set up a community garden on their property. Applications open twice a year.
* [Urban Forest Fund](https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/greening-the-city/urban-forest-fund/Pages/urban-forest-fund.aspx)– Co-funding for greening in the private realm. Grants occur annually, check the website for more information on the next round. Here are some [examples of projects](https://news.melbourne.vic.gov.au/urban-forests-bloom-across-the-city/) that have been funded previously.

**Further support for your garden**

* [Grow it Local](http://growitlocal.com/) – Grow it Local is connecting local and aspiring growers in City of Melbourne. See who and what’s growing locally, connect and share with local growers and food lovers, host or attend a workshop, share produce or find or list unused space for growing and help inspire the next generation of growers. Join the community today. It’s free.
* [Gardens for Wildlife](https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/greening-the-city/urban-nature/gardens-wildlife/Pages/gardens-for-wildlife.aspx) – Free site visit and advice as to what to plant in your garden to support biodiversity. Support local wildlife by providing habitat with indigenous natives or suitable alternatives. After the visit, you will receive a report and a voucher for free native plants from Bili Nursery.

**Green infrastructure (green roofs, walls, and facades)**

* [Greening Melbourne permit](mailto:greeningmelbourne@melbourne.vic.gov.au) – You can apply for a permit to locate private greening on your footpath. This permits allows for temporary, small-scale private greening initiatives in the public realm such as, pots on footpaths and planters attached to building facades.
* [Growing Green Guide](https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/greening-the-city/green-infrastructure/Pages/growing-green-guide.aspx) – Comprehensive guide to green roofs, walls and facades.
* [Green Factor Tool](https://www.greenfactor.com.au/) – You can use this free, online tool to measure the green infrastructure score of your rooftop gardens and green facades.
* [Green infrastructure team](mailto:greeningmelbourne@melbourne.vic.gov.au) – We can provide officer support and discuss with you what your greening intentions are, and what you might need to consider both from design and horticultural perspectives. We can provide suggestions on the expertise you will need to engage and local suppliers if required.
* [Canopy Green Roof Forum](https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/greening-the-city/green-infrastructure/Pages/canopy-green-roof-forum.aspx) – Quarterly discussion forum to share knowledge and ideas on rooftop gardening and green infrastructure. Sign up for event invitations.
* Planning permits – You might need a planning or building permit to construct larger green roof, facade or wall projects. To check whether a permit is required, request [pre-application advice](https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/building-and-development/planning-and-building-services/planning-applications/Pages/planning-pre-application-advice.aspx) online or call us on 9658 9658.

**Greening neighbourhoods**

* [Request a tree](https://services.melbourne.vic.gov.au/report/treemaintenance?_ga=2.20901048.1642578753.1678137325-458920542.1678137324) – Request a tree be planted in the footpath outside a property. On page 1, select "no", on page 2, select "A request for a tree to be planted (in a public space)", and then complete the form.
* [Plan the urban forest](https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/urban-forest) – Plan the urban forest in your neighbourhood. Get involved and provide feedback regarding the next 10 years of tree planting.

**Composting and FOGO**

* [Compost Revolution](https://compostrevolution.com.au/melbourne/) – Learn about composting and claim your subsidy.
* [Food organic high-rise pilot](https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/residents/waste-recycling/apartment-buildings/Pages/food-garden-organics-high-rise.aspx)

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