

PARKING ON NARROW STREETS



Information Sheet

This information sheet is about parking in narrow streets **less than 6.6 metres wide**. It covers Council's management and enforcement of parking in these areas.

Council manages traffic and parking in accordance with relevant legislation and the Road Safety Road Rules 2017.

Roads narrower than 6.6 metres can present parking challenges.

This information sheet shows ways to manage parking in these streets so that opportunities are maximised while maintaining road safety for traffic.

A full version of the Municipal Parking Strategy and information sheets are available on Council's website, and at Council customer service centres.



Don't park on the nature strip



Keep three metres clear distance

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Parking on nature strips or footpaths is not permitted under the Victorian Road Rules.

Vehicles parked on nature strips or footpaths can damage public infrastructure above and below the ground leading to increased maintenance costs.

It may also prevent emergency services from accessing key infrastructure such as water, sewerage, gas, telephone and drainage. Vehicles parked on nature strips can also increase safety risks for pedestrians as they are less visible to motorists.

Parking on the road

You can park on the road as long as there is **three metres** clear distance across the road to an adjacent vehicle or obstacle. This allows access for emergency and other vehicles.

On narrow roads, this means there is only enough room for a car on one side of the road.

Safety and cars parked in the street

There is often a perception that cars parked in the street are a hazard to motorists. Research has shown that cars parking on the street often make streets safer.

Parked cars narrow the road causing traffic to slow down. Slower speed also leads to a reduction in accidents.

Narrower streets can allow more space for planting vegetation and providing better and safer streetscape environments in residential neighbourhoods, encouraging walking and cycling.

Two wheels up parking

Council has adopted a more flexible approach to allow parking on nature strips in narrower residential streets.

In some narrow streets **less than 6.6 metres wide** where traffic volumes and average speeds are low and sufficient space exists on the nature strip Council may allow two wheels up parking on the nature strip.

Council will construct a concrete strip behind the kerb on these streets. Provided vehicles do not cause a road safety hazard and other conditions are satisfied parking infringement notices will not be issued by Council on these streets.

In narrow roads without a concrete strip, Council's enforcement officers will continue to enforce the prohibition to park on the nature strip unless otherwise signed.



Parking in private properties



Indented car parking

Parking in garages and driveways in private properties

Council strongly encourages residents to use their garages and driveways to park their vehicles. This private off-street parking is guaranteed and helps ease the demand for parking on the street.

Indented car parking

Indented car parking spaces provide an alternative parking space and allow more space available for cars driving on the road.

Indented car parking spaces need to be properly constructed with standard pavement materials and accommodate drainage and other services.

Residents are able to apply to construct indented car parking on the nature strip outside their own property. This is at their own cost.

Anyone, including neighbours, may park in the constructed indented parking spaces.

The cost to construct an indented car space can be \$5,000 to \$10,000 depending on the site.

If an application for an indented car parking space is received, Council will consult with adjoining residents to consider their views on the installation.

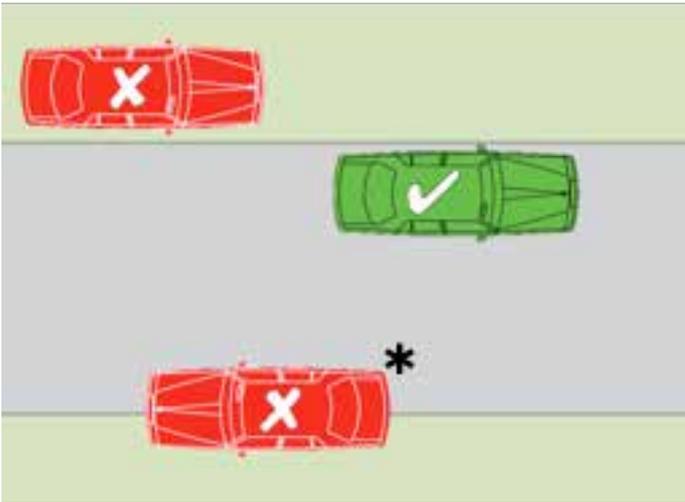
Contacting Council

You can contact Council to report illegal parking, request changes to parking restrictions or ask for advice regarding any of the content in this information sheet.

- ▶ Phone: 8571 1000
- ▶ e-mail: council@cgd.vic.gov.au
- ▶ online: greaterdandenong.com/parking
- ▶ visiting one of our customer service centres in Dandenong, Springvale, Noble Park or Parkmore Shopping Centre.



Useful Road Rules



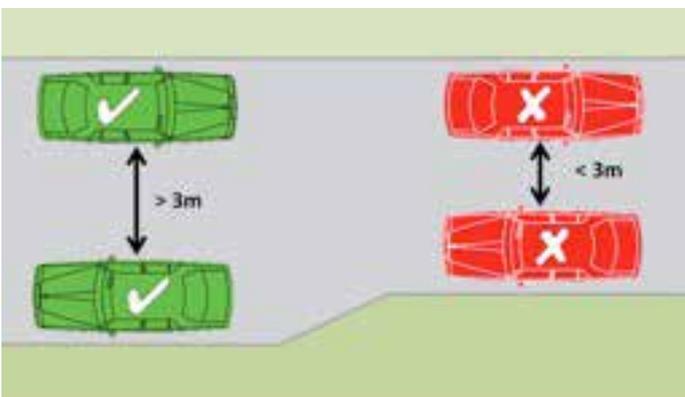
Parking on the Nature Strip is illegal.

A driver is not allowed to park over a bicycle path, footpath, shared path dividing strip, or a nature strip.

While it is still illegal, on some narrow streets, Council does not enforce two wheels up parking (shown with a *).

See *"Two Wheels Up Parking"*.

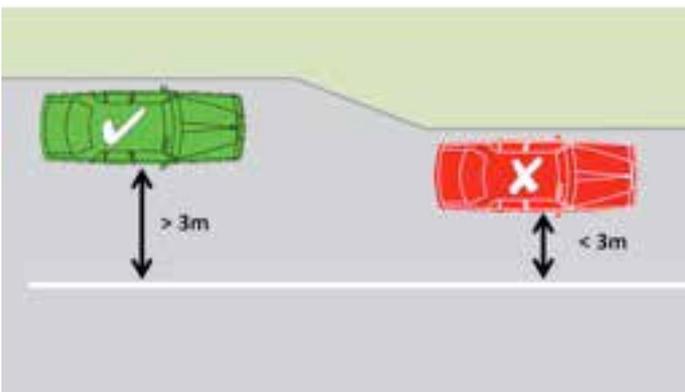
**ROAD
RULE
197 (1)**



Drivers must always position their vehicle when parking so there is at least 3m of the road alongside the vehicle that is clear for other vehicles to pass.

This space is required for emergency vehicles to pass through.

**ROAD
RULE
208 (7)**



Where there is a continuous dividing line (solid centre line) on the road, drivers must not park within 3m of the line. This space is required for emergency vehicles to pass through.

This rule does not apply if there are parking signs permitting parking, or if the line is broken.

**ROAD
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208 (6)**

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greaterdandenong.com/parking