

**CELEBRATE
YOUR MUM THIS**

Mother's Day

**BY PLANTING A
TREE IN YOUR
BACKYARD**

LIST OF TREES OF VARIOUS SIZES AND LOCATION REQUIREMENTS

Large trees in full sunlight:

- Eucalyptus

Medium trees in full sunlight:

- Banksia
- Melaleuca

Medium trees in shade:

- Blueberry ash
- Cheesetree
- Lily pilly
- Leptospermum

Shrubs to small sized plants with
colourful flowers:

- Grevillea
- Hakea
- Hibiscus
- Correa
- Tetratheca
- Melaleuca tymifolia
- Goodenia ovata
- Indigofera australis

Perfect for a pot:

- Prostanthera
- Scaevola
- Dianella
- Hardenbergia
- Brachyscome
- Lomandra



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RECOMMENDED PLANTS FOR YOUR BACKYARD

Are you looking to plant a tree for your mum this Mother's Day? We have a guide for you to help you select the right tree for your backyard and a list of natives of various sizes for you to choose from.

HOW TO SELECT THE RIGHT TREE FOR YOUR BACKYARD

When selecting a tree to plant in your backyard, you need consider a few things:

- How much room does your tree have to grow?
- Do you want pretty flowers to attract native pollinators?
- Does your tree require shade or sunlight?

PLANTING TIPS

When planting your native Mother's Day tree, don't forget a few important things. Below is a list of useful tips to help your tree get kick started.

- Dependent on the soil type in your backyard, if it is extremely compacted and dry, you may want to add a native potting mix to help to provide the nutrients your native tree needs.
- Dig your hole larger than your pot size so your pot can fit in your hole with at least an inch to spare on the sides and above and below.
- Plants that are difficult to remove from their pot may require the top of the pot to have a sharp tap to loosen the plant. Don't just pull the top of the plant as this can break the plant or even damage the plant roots.
- Once removed from the pot, do not leave the plant roots exposed, especially if it is a hot day.
- Place the plant in the hole. If the roots are dense, they may need some loosening.
- Backfill the soil to a level just below the plant's soil level. If the soil level is too high, dig the hole deeper. Avoid crushing the root ball to fit into a shallow hole, instead, make the hole deeper.
- Give the plant a good watering (about 1 bucket full, gently tipped). Give a thorough soaking once a week for one month to encourage deep root growth.
- To provide your plant with optimum nutrients, it is optional to apply a slow release fertilizer for native plants. You can apply this as directed on the product you purchase.
- Last but not least, don't forget to attach your Trees for Mum name tag and wish your mum a happy Mother's Day!

Take a photo of your planting adventures and send it to bushcare@penrith.city to be included in our Facebook Trees for Mum 2020 photo album.

