

Drain Cloggers

Planting trees and shrubs near pipelines can become an expensive exercise at a later stage, if the plants chosen have a strong moisture searching root system.

The fine roots will penetrate any cracks in the pipes, eventually blocking the pipe. The bigger roots may actually dislodge pipes causing breakages and leaks.

The following list of Australian native plants have proven to be generally SAFE growing near underground pipes.

Botanic name	Common name
<i>Acacia myrtifolia</i>	Myrtle wattle
<i>Bauera rubioides</i>	Dog Rose 'Ruby Glow'
<i>Bauera sessilifolia</i>	Showy Baurea
<i>Boronia denticulata</i>	
<i>Boronia heterophylla</i>	Red Boronia
<i>Boronia pinnata</i>	Pinnate Boronia
<i>Bracteantha bracteata</i>	Golden Everlasting
<i>Chrysocephalum baxteri</i>	White Everlasting
<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>	
<i>Chorizema cordatum</i>	Heartleafed Flame Pea
<i>Correa alba</i>	White Correa
<i>Correa baeuerlenii</i>	Chefs Cap Correa
<i>Correa decumbens</i>	
<i>Correa glabra</i>	Rock Correa
<i>Correa 'Mannii'</i>	'Mannii'
<i>Correa pulchella</i>	
<i>Correa reflexa</i>	Common Correa
<i>Correa schlechtendalii</i>	

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<i>Crowea exalata</i>	Small Crowea
<i>Crowea saligna</i>	
<i>Dampiera diversifolia</i>	
<i>Epacris impressa</i>	Common Heath
<i>Epacris longiflora</i>	Fuchsia Heath
<i>Epacris microphylla</i>	Coral Heath
<i>Philotheca myoporoides</i> syn. <i>Eriostemon myoporoides</i>	Wax Flower
<i>Grevillea buxifolia</i>	Grey Spider Plant
<i>Grevillea lanigera</i>	Woolly Grevillea
<i>Grevillea sericea</i>	Pink Spider Flower
<i>Grevillea speciosa</i>	Red Spider Flower
<i>Grevillea baueri</i>	
<i>Grevillea diffusa</i>	
<i>Hovea lanceolate</i>	
<i>Hovea elliptica</i>	Tree Hovea
<i>Myoporum parvifolium</i>	Creeping Boobialla
<i>Prostanthera denticulata</i>	
<i>Prostanthera incana</i>	Velvet Mint Bush
<i>Prostanthera melissifolia</i>	Balm Mint Bush
<i>Prostanthera ovalifolia</i>	Purple Mint Bush
<i>Prostanthera rotundifolia</i>	Round Leaf Mint Bush
<i>Scaevola aemula</i>	Purple Fanfare
<i>Stypantra glauca</i>	Nodding Blue Lily
<i>Westringia glabra</i>	Violet Westringia

The Australian native plants listed below all have a water searching root problem and can block drains. These plants should not be planted closer than 3.5 metres to sewerage pipes and other drainage pipes.

Botanic name	Common name
<i>Acacia saligna</i>	Golden Wreath Wattle
<i>Acacia terminalis</i>	Sunshine Wattle
<i>Agonis flexuosa</i>	Willow Myrtle
<i>Allocasuarina stricta</i>	Drooping Sheoak
<i>Allocasuarina torulosa</i>	Forest Oak
<i>Angophora costata</i>	Smooth Barked Apple Gum
<i>Angophora hispida</i>	Dwarf Apple
<i>Brachychiton acerifolius</i>	Flame Tree
<i>Brachychiton discolor</i>	White Kurrajong
<i>Brachychiton populneus</i>	Kurrajong
<i>Casuarina cunninghamiana</i>	River Sheoak
<i>Casuarina glauca</i>	Swamp Oak
<i>Eucalyptus cinerea</i>	Argyle Apple
<i>Eucalyptus citriodora</i>	Lemon Scented Gum
<i>Eucalyptus maculata</i>	Spotted Gum
<i>Ficus all species</i>	Figs
<i>Grevillea robusta</i>	Silky Oak
<i>Hymenosporum flavum</i>	Native Frangipani
<i>Lophostemon confertus</i>	Brushbox
<i>Melaleuca armillaris</i>	Bracelet Honey Myrtle
<i>Melaleuca linariifolia</i>	Snow-in-Summer

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<i>Melaleuca styphelioides</i>	Prickly-leaved Tea Tree
<i>Melia azedarach</i>	White Cedar
<i>Pittosporum rhombifolium</i>	White Holly
<i>Pittosporum undulatum</i>	

The following plants are not recommended to be planted within 2 metres of drains and sewerage pipelines.

Botanic name	Common name
<i>Acacia cultriformis</i>	Knife Leaf Wattle
<i>Acacia howittii</i>	Sticky Wattle
<i>Acacia iteaphylla</i>	Flinders Range Wattle
<i>Acacia longifolia</i>	Sydney Golden Wattle
<i>Acacia retinodes</i>	Wirilda
<i>Acmena smithii</i>	Lillypilly
<i>Callistemon citrinus</i>	Crimson Bottlebrush
<i>Callistemon</i> 'Harkness'	'Harkness'
<i>Callistemon salignus</i>	Willow Bottlebrush
<i>Callistemon viminalis</i>	Weeping Bottlebrush
<i>Hakea salicifolia</i>	Willow Leafed Hakea
<i>Omalanthus populifolius</i>	Bleeding Heart
<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	Coast Tea Tree
<i>Melaleuca hypericifolia</i>	Hillock Bush
<i>Melaleuca fulgens</i>	Scarlet Honey Myrtle
<i>Pittosporum phillyreoides</i>	Weeping Pittosporum
<i>Callistemon citrinus</i>	

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