

In the past, many highly unsuitable species of plants have been planted or located around irrigation fields. It is important to beware of species that can become a problem to the effluent system itself.

As a general rule of thumb, vigorous, large growing deciduous trees can destroy irrigation lines and pipes with their invasive root structures. This is because they are water hungry and will seek out any source nearby.

The following is a list of plants that from years of experience Reflections have found are not suitable for planting in areas around irrigation fields, sand filters and septic tanks.

- Pohutukawas
- Pin Oaks – *Quercus sp.*
- She Oaks – *Casuarina sp.*
- Poplars
- Willows
- Elms – *Ulmus sp.*
- Griselinia
- Blackwoods