



Good news can be scarce these days. So, we are pleased to share, that after working with DHS for weeks to ensure that landscape services are viewed as an essential service, we had a huge win with the inclusion of “landscapers” in the the revised [“Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response Version”](#) in the Public Works and Infrastructure Support Services section of the document released this weekend. Refer to the [government NAICS code](#) for details about what is included in landscaping services.

It is important to note that State and Local authorities still have jurisdiction in their areas. We’ve updated our [Essentials Services letter](#) to share at the local level. This continues to be a rapidly evolving situation as states are continuously monitoring their specific circumstances and amending orders and directives that may impact the landscape industry. We will continue to work with all 50 States to ensure that landscaping services are considered essential in those States where it has been excluded.

Our industry has a duty to stop the spread of COVID-19. Today, we released [new operating guidelines](#) to be used as a reference to help you work in a way that reduces the spread of the virus. View this and other new resources below.

## Resources



### **NEW Landscape Industry Operating Guidelines**

As an essential industry (as designated by DHS) it is important that every company does their part to stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect their employees and customers. [View the newly released industry operating guidelines](#). These can be used to illustrate the industry's commitment to safety and should assist you as you implement policies and protocols within your company.



### **UPDATED Landscape Industry and COVID-19 Statement**

Industry members are providing important services while keeping people employed under challenging conditions. View our updated statement, which outlines how our industry is responding to the COVID-19 situation. [View our updated statement.](#)



### **NEW Webinar: Keep Your Business AND Your Employees Healthy**

On this week's webinar, on Wednesday, April 1st, at 1:30 ET, Jeffrey Scott will provide expert strategies for: protecting your employees and clients, crisis management and keeping your business healthy. You will hear stories of what other contractors are doing, and we will discuss the latest information on the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and the Coronavirus Stimulus Package. [REGISTER NOW.](#)

### **Updated: Essential Services Letter**

View our [updated letter](#) that is being disseminated to officials and can be kept for your reference if you are operating in an area under a lockdown.

