



March 31, 2020

TO: WLCA Members

RE: Confirmation of Landscapers as Essential Business

Good Afternoon,

We have been working closely with Representative Joan Ballweg in regard to landscapers as essential business under Governor Evers “Safer at Home” order. Today, Representative Ballweg confirmed with WEDC that the list published by CISA over the weekend is included as part of the “Safer at Home” order.

Representative Ballweg received confirmation of the information that we shared over the weekend that states:

The Safer At Home Order *identifies those “Essential Businesses and Operations”* that may continue to operate during the order. Section 13(a) of the Safer At Home Order *specifically includes any business listed in the CISA’s Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response, updated March 23, 2020, “and any subsequent versions of this Memorandum.” This means that the newest version of the CISA Memorandum* adopted on March 28, 2020 is incorporated into the Safer At Home Order, and landscape businesses may remain open and their employees may continue to perform landscaping work.

In other words, WEDC has confirmed that the Wisconsin “Safer at Home” order will follow the guidelines of essential business listed by CISA and the latest guidelines

include landscapers. DATCP (Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection) has also confirmed that all landscape work is allowed under the Order.

Representative Ballweg also suggested that anyone doing work have a copy of the CISA list in their vehicle since local law enforcement agencies may not be keeping up to date on the most current version of essential businesses.

Representative Ballweg is continuing to work on our behalf to have language included in the Order regarding Garden Centers. We will keep you updated as we have additional information.

As always, it is suggested that landscapers should exercise sound judgment in choosing the work they perform. When taking any action permitted under the Order, all individuals, organizations, government bodies, and any other permitted group of individuals shall, to the extent possible, follow DHS and CDC guidelines.

Stay safe and healthy!