

General Compliance Checklist



OSHA's program implementation checklist is an excellent resource that can help landscaping businesses promote safety and compliance. Landscaping businesses, irrigation installation contractors, and other land work contractors can also work with a qualified attorney to create their own compliance checklists. Though these checklists will usually include more detail, a general list for landscaping professionals would likely suggest:

- Obtaining and maintaining all relevant licenses (contractor, vendor, pesticide applicator, landscape architect, etc.)

- Registering the business in accordance with state law

- Maintaining a comprehensive landscapers insurance policy that includes professional liability, workers' compensation coverage, cyber liability, auto liability, contractors pollution liability, and more

- Addressing additional risk management solutions to cover the business's specific operations, like snow and ice removal, plant health care, pesticide application, and more

- Always following current industry best practices (including establishing programs to prevent injuries and heat illness)

- Creating a worker health and safety program and a management leadership program to promote adherence

- Designating a manager or other experienced worker to monitor and ensure continued safety and compliance

- Regularly inspecting all equipment before use (ladders, machinery, etc.)

- Ensuring all workers are properly trained on the equipment they use

- Ensuring workers wear proper personal protective equipment

- Creating a written emergency plan to protect workers and bystanders

- Labeling all pesticide and mixing containers, and keeping decontamination supplies close by

- Maintaining an accurate log of pesticide products, including application dates and other relevant information

- Reporting and documenting in writing all hazards, injuries, or illnesses immediately

