

News & Updates



Just to confirm...Garden Retailers, Growers, Pest Control and Landscape Services Are Essential

In the office we have been getting calls and emails (please keep them coming if we can help) of how our industry fits into the essential service business.

Yes, last week Governor Brad Little issues a stay-at-home order for everyone. The Stay-Home Order provides guidance on essential services. All people may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses. Below is specific information for your segment of the industry.

We as an industry know that our businesses are essential to us in the springtime when most of you make a year's worth of income in three months.

But we all need to proceed with caution. Follow the CDC guidelines for social distancing and be very aware of your customers and how they are feeling.

Landscapers and Pest Control Operators

Please [click here](#) to find a document that you can keep in your vehicles as you go to work and to/from each job.

In Governor Little's issued a statewide stay-home order his "essential services" list includes:

Essential services and businesses, including:

- Exterminators (*pest control*)
- Landscapers (*lawn maintenance*)

<https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>

Growers

Please [click here](#) to find a document that you can carry in vehicles as you go to work and to give your delivery driver to have in their vehicles.

In the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cyber-security & Infrastructure Security Agency you fall under Food and Agriculture:

Farmers, farm workers, support service workers, and their supplier employees to include those engaged in producing and harvesting field crops; commodity inspection; fuel ethanol facilities; bio-diesel and renewable diesel facilities; storage facilities; and other agricultural inputs.

<https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>

Retail Nurseries and Garden Centers

You have a couple different places in Governor Little's essential services list that you can use as your guidelines. <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>

Essential services and businesses, including:

Item #3. Hardware stores (because you sell tools, fertilizers and products that are necessary for landscapers and pest control operators to do business. Just like the box stores it is not limited to sales to professionals the general public needs those items too)

Item #9. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate (again a reference to a supplier of the products other industry segments may need to do business)

You will need to follow the CDC guidelines for how many people can be in your store at the same time which protect you, your employees and the general public. INLA encourages you to have a way for your customers to order from your website and/or phone for pick up or delivery to keep everyone safe.

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