



Landscaping Services

Business Info

Business Name: _____ Business Phone Number: _____
 Street Address: _____
 Zip Code: _____ City: _____ Business Website: _____

Contact Info

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____

PPA Visit Date: _____ PPA Specialist's Name: _____

Certification Date: _____

Business has met all the requirements of the PPA visit.

Business Services

For questions in this application relating to customer services offered by landscapers, please consider each park, school, or site a 'customer'.
 What service(s) does your business/organization offer to customers or do onsite?

Design landscapes	Rake
Install landscapes	Maintain turf (fertilize, over seed, aerate, etc.)
Maintain landscapes	Apply pesticides* to lawns
Fertilize landscapes	Apply pesticides* to landscapes
Install irrigation systems	Maintain golf courses
Maintain irrigation systems	Maintain athletic fields
Water/Irrigate	Sell plants
Prune	Sell products
Mow, Edge	Sell compost
Remove Snow	Other?

** Pesticides include fungicides, insecticides, herbicides and other pest control products, including combination products like 'weed and feed,' and 'soft' pesticides like neem oil, vinegar herbicides and others. The WSDA maintains a list of registered pesticides.*

The staff who apply pesticides are licensed in accordance with Washington State Department of Agriculture regulations

We maintain pesticide application records in accordance with WSDA requirements.

We apply pesticides only after a specific diagnosis of a pest or disease issue instead of at regular intervals.

All pesticides and fertilizers used or offered for sale are currently registered in the State of Washington.

We minimize the use of Phosphorus.

We track our annual usage of the following: fertilizers, pesticides, dormant oils, and herbicides.

Usage data and site observation notes inform our decision making.

We incorporate water conservation principles into our designs.

Mulch mowing is offered to all our customers.

Site Assessment

New customers are offered a complete site assessment including soil type, drainage, visual inspection, slope, and sun.

Customers are offered a soil test including macro/micronutrients and pH before applying fertilizer.

Our site assessment is used to inform plant type and location recommendations.

As-built and site plans are reviewed prior to design and/or installation of landscapes and irrigation to determine locations of septic systems and septic reserve areas (if any).

Fertilizer and Soil Amendments

Weather conditions are considered before applying fertilizer.

On turf, nitrogen is applied no more than 4 times a year. Application instructions for each product are followed.

25-35 % of nitrogen fertilizer applied to turf is organically derived.

Over 70% of nitrogen fertilizer applied to turf is slow release, non-soluble nitrogen. This includes both organic and synthetic nitrogen sources.

A soil pH test is completed as needed, for our customers who use fertilizer or lime.

Compost, tree chippings, or other naturally derived materials are used as top dressings, mulch, or incorporated during the planting process in at least 35% of the sites and renewed when depleted.

For planting beds: At least 3 inches of compost is added to the top 5 inches of soil or a total depth of 12 inches of uncompacted soil with 10% organic content is used.

Integrated Pest Management Practices

Approved alternatives to registered pesticides are used including compost top dressing, kelp, neem oil, fatty acid soap, off season dormant oil spray, flame weeding, nematodes, lacewings, ladybugs, etc.

Weed and feed type products are used for spot treatments, or on an as needed basis only.

We monitor wind conditions and act accordingly to minimize pesticide drift.

Fungicide treatments for diseases are applied following the manufacturer's application instructions.

Sites are regularly monitored (at least 2 times/year) for signs or symptoms of pest and disease problems so that they can be prevented or treated early.

Trees are treated by technologies with the least pesticide drift. Aerial spray applications are used sparingly and never during windy conditions.

Employee Qualifications

At least one staff member is degreed, certified, or formally trained in horticultural practices or plant pests and diseases (horticulture, botany, IPM, arboriculture, urban forestry, plant pathology, landscape design, etc.) and is a WA State Licensed Applicator.

At least one staff member has specialized training in water/irrigation management and/or design.

Staff are provided with routine opportunities to attend outside training on topics such as pest identification, IPM, soil building, water conservation, stormwater protection, etc.

Water Conservation

Mowing height is adjusted for grass type and lawn use. A minimum mowing height between 2 to 3 inches is used. This height does not apply to athletic fields, golf courses, or bent grass turf.

Watering schedules are adjusted to seasonal conditions.

Drip or soaker irrigation is installed in shrub beds when feasible.

Rain shut-off devices are recommended to all customers.

We recommend native, drought tolerant, disease, and/or pest resistant plants as a part of all landscape designs.

Tree Care

At least a one-foot radius of open, plant-free, mulched soil is maintained around newly planted trees.

International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborists' services are used for diagnosing problems, evaluating hazards, large pruning jobs, or consulting with clients

Root zones of existing trees are protected during construction.

Customer Education

Written documentation of our work is provided to clients. This includes assessments, products applied, treatments used, etc.

Horticultural concerns, such as pests or plant diseases, are communicated to the customer in writing.

Knowledgeable staff is available to answer customers' questions about plant problems and the least toxic alternatives for treatment.

We provide our customers information about low impact landscaping and/or maintenance.

Sustainable landscaping practices are a major priority in the design and maintenance work we discuss with customers, contractors, and suppliers.

Snow Removal

Snow piles are kept away from storm drain inlets to prevent flooding.

Plowed snow is piled on the sides of swales, rather than the bottom of the swale, to prevent flooding.

Minimal quantities of deicer (chemical, "salt", or sand) are used. Manufacturer's instructions are followed.

Any excess deicer is swept up after the snow event. It is never washed into a storm drain.

General Maintenance

Waste and recycling containers are properly labeled, easily accessible, closed when not in use, and inspected regularly.

Waste and recycling containers are placed together to reduce contamination.

Water leaks are repaired immediately.

Chemicals, grease, or dangerous waste are not dumped down the drain.

We conduct routine inspections on our property - such as outdoor storage, waste containers, dumpsters, and drains - to identify and prevent possible contamination sources.

Product container lids are kept closed when not in use.

We use environmentally friendly cleaning products such as Green Seal, ECOLOGO, EPA's Safer Choice, etc.

We have replaced disposable cleaning cloths such as shop cloths or paper towels with reusable cloths.

Waste receptacles are in the bathrooms so that only toilet paper and seat covers are flushed.

Stormwater

There are no improper connections to storm drains and an "only rain down the drain" policy is followed.

Stormwater drains are clearly labeled as "no dumping".

Wash water with soap, detergent, or cleaning product doesn't go down the storm drains.

Company vehicles are washed off-site at a commercial facility.

Rakes and brooms are used instead of leaf blowers or hoses when removing dirt and debris.

Inventory Management

Shipments are inspected for leaks or damage before they are accepted.

Vendors take back damaged or unused products.

We use an inventory system to streamline product purchasing and prevent overstock.

Stock is organized by the to be used by, purchase, or expiration date.

Shelf life is considered when purchasing products.

Office supplies are reused/recycled whenever possible.

Recycled products are purchased whenever possible.

When replacing electronics, computers or furniture, eco-friendly/sustainable products are purchased such as Energy Star, EPEAT, etc.

Employee Training

All employees receive proper product storage, waste disposal, and spill cleanup training.

Employees are trained as to why wastewater is not put in the storm drain and their role in protecting the aquifer.

Manufacturer's instructions for all products are followed.

Pollution prevention handouts provided during the PPA visit are made available to employees.

Employees have been made aware of the Waste Directory and know how to access it.

Waste Reduction

Dangerous waste hauling service is scheduled to match volume and frequency needs.

Equipment is repaired, instead of replaced, when possible.

Reduction, reuse, recycling, or elimination of all wastes produced has been explored. Specific procedures have been added to improve our practices overall.

We review our disposal and recycling records monthly to monitor the amount of waste generated and evaluate progress in reducing waste, as well as to maintain SQG status.

Energy consumption is monitored to identify areas for improvement.

Motion sensors, LEDs, or natural lighting is used.

Electronic communication with employees and customers is used whenever possible. Printer settings default to double-sided printing.

A materials reuse/exchange location is available.

Community

We participate in, and/or sponsor, neighborhood clean-ups or other projects in our community to encourage environmental stewardship. Provide specific examples.

We participate in educating the industry leaders of tomorrow via internships, vocational tech, or college programs.

We research, purchase and stay current on new technologies, products, or service innovations that reduce waste or prevent pollution.

We encourage other businesses to become EnviroCertified.

We encourage our customers to support other EnviroCertified businesses.

We support other certified businesses in our community whenever possible.

We advertise our EnviroCertified status in our customer outreach materials (website, social media, ads, newsletters, etc.).

We promote the Waste Directory to customers.

Other:

If there are other sustainability actions that you are taking that aren't included in this application, please list them below.

Visit Notes: