

Alberta Small Employer OHS Legislated Requirements

Industry Code: 02100
Landscaping

This document is a guideline only. Employers have a responsibility of assessing all applicable occupational health and safety legislation, for the tasks they are performing.

Landscaping is a spring/summer/fall activity and clearing sidewalks and parking lots of snow in winter months.

Landscaping activities are plant, yard and grounds maintenance and enhancement activities most often conducted at or around residential or commercial building sites.

Task description	Type of equipment used and workers employed
Design and layout, seeding and planting trees, shrubs, flowers, cutting and maintaining the grass, gardens and grounds. Landscaping may also include some subordinate harder landscape construction such as building a deck, a fence, or smaller concrete edging activity.	Equipment includes lawn mowers, trimmers, bobcats, trucks, fertilizer spreaders, tampers, gardening-type tools. Workers consist of labourers, horticulturists, sales/estimators, office/administration staff, equipment operators, landscape designers.
Supply and installation of irrigation systems and fences for residential yards, commercial grounds and golf courses.	Employers may operate a store front retail operation to sell related landscaping/gardening items and materials.
Erecting corrals, including gates and chutes. Shop work in support of one's own installation is acceptable in this industry.	
Post holes are dug, usually by auger (handheld and mechanical), ready-mix cement is prepared and tamped into the hole to secure the post. Chain link or barbed wire is stretched or pulled into place by a winch or a puller and fastened with 'U' shaped metal staples. Wood fence boards are nailed or screwed into place, and some onsite cutting, staining or painting may be required. Some minor in-shop fabrication to hinges, latches, gates, and with link weaving machines is permitted in the industry.	Equipment includes post-hole augers, bobcats, mixers, handtools, winch, saws, steel/wire cutters, and may employ laborers, technical staff, sales/estimators, drivers, and office/administrative staff.
Underground sprinkler installation requires a trench to be dug using a shovel or ditch-witch-type of trenching unit. Pipe, most often plastic, is placed in the ditch, sprinkler heads are attached at strategic intervals, it is hooked up to an existing water supply, and the trench is backfilled.	Equipment includes 'ditch-witch' equipment, gardening-type of handtools, plastic cutters/glue; and employ plumbers, landscapers, laborers, sales/estimators, office/administrative staff.

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Relevant sections of OHS Legislation:

Occupational Health and Safety Act

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	3	Prime contractor
	4	Multiple obligations
	18	Serious injuries and accidents
	19	Investigation of accidents
	35	Existence of imminent danger
	37	Disciplinary action complaint

Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

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	12	Equipment
	13	General protection of workers
	14	Duties of workers
	15	Safety training

Occupational Health and Safety Code (2009)

Part 1	Section	
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General Application	2.2	Designated person to prepare plan

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Elimination and	8	Worker participation
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	182	Duty to report injury or illness
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	189	Securing equipment and materials
	194	Vehicle traffic control
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	210	Assessing manual handling hazards
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	229	Eye protection (compliance with standards)
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	242	Limb and body protection
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	406	Information current (MSDS)
	407	Availability of Material Safety Data Sheet

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	442	Classification of soil type
	443	Soil stabilization
	444	Marking and excavation
	445	Water hazard
	446	Worker access
	447	Locating buried or concrete-embedded facilities
	448	Exposing buried facilities
	450	Methods of protection
	451	Cutting back walls
	452	Loose material
	453	Spoil piles
	454	Power pole support
	455	Safe entry and exit
	459	Access for powered mobile equipment
Refer to Schedule 9		