

## 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

**Section** 3,4,5 Obligations of employers, workers, etc.

- 10 Prime contractor
- 13 Multiple obligations
- 40 Serious injuries and incident
- 53 Investigation of accidents
- 36 Discriminatory action complaint
- 16-17 Joint Work Site Health and Safety Committees and Health and Safety Rep.

### Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

- Section**
- 7 Availability of specifications
  - 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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| Definitions and<br>General Application | 2.2 | Designated person to prepare plan |
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#### Part 2 Section

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| Hazard Assessment,<br>Elimination and<br>Control | 7 | Hazard assessment              |
|  | 8 | Worker participation           |
|  | 9 | Hazard elimination and control |

#### Part 3 Section

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| Specifications and<br>Certifications | 12 | Following specifications                                  |
|                                      | 13 | Manufacturer's and Professional Engineer's specifications |
|                                      | 14 | Certification by a professional engineer                  |
|                                      | 15 | Approved equipment  |

#### Part 7 Section

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| Emergency                    | 115 | Emergency response plan |
| Preparedness and<br>Response | 116 | Contents of plan        |

#### Part 8 Section

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| Entrances, Walkways,<br>Stairways and Ladders | 119 | Safe entry and exit |
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<b>Part 11</b>	<b>Section</b>	
First Aid	178	Providing services, supplies, equipment
	179	Location of first aid
	180	Emergency transportation
	181	First aid providers
	182	Duty to report injury or illness
	183	Record of injury or illness
	184	First aid record access
<b>Refer to Schedule 2</b>		

<b>Part 12</b>	<b>Section</b>	
General Safety	185	Housekeeping
Precautions	186	Lighting
	189	Securing equipment and materials
	194	Vehicle traffic control

<b>Part 13</b>	<b>Section</b>	
Joint Work Site Health And Safety Committees And Health and Safety Representatives	200	Duties of employers, contractors and prime contractors

<b>Part 14</b>	<b>Section</b>	
Lifting and Handling	208	Equipment
Loads	209	Adapting to heavy or awkward loads
	210	Assessing manual handling hazards

<b>Part 18</b>	<b>Section</b>	
Personal Protective Equipment	228	Duty to use personal protective equipment
	229	Eye protection (compliance with standards)
	233	Footwear
	242	Limb and body protection

<b>Part 19</b>	<b>Section</b>	
Powered Mobile Equipment	256	Operator Responsibilities
	290.1	Personal Vehicle for Work Purposes

<b>Part 24</b>	<b>Section</b>	
Toilets and Washing Facilities	354	Restrictions by employer
	355	Drinking fluids
	356	Exception (temp. site)
	357	Toilet facilities

<b>Part 25</b>	<b>Section</b>	
Tools, Equipment and Machinery	362	Contact by clothing, etc.
	374	Actuated fastening tools
	376	Chainsaws

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<b>Part 27</b>		<b>Section</b>
Violence and	389	Hazard assessment
Harassment	390	Violence prevention plan
	390.4	Harassment prevention plan
	391	Training of workers
	391.1	Investigation and reporting of incidents

<b>Part 28</b>		<b>Section</b>
Working Alone	393	Application
	394	Precautions required (communication)

<b>Part 29</b>		<b>Section</b>
Workplace Hazardous	397	Training
Materials Information	398	Label required
System (WHMIS)	400	Decanted products
	404	Safety Data Sheet - Supplier
	406	Information current (SDS)
	407	Availability of Safety Data Sheet

<b>Part 32</b>		<b>Section</b>
Excavating and	441	Disturbing the ground
Tunneling	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
<b>Refer to Schedule 9</b>		