

# THE PURDUE LANDSCAPE REPORT

## COVID-19 Guidelines for the Green Industry from Purdue Extension Specialists

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By now, you have heard of Corona virus COVID-19 and the strain it is putting on our healthcare systems. Clearly, the strategy of the Center for Disease Control that includes social distancing and working from home when possible is the best strategy we have right now to slow the spread of the disease so we can reduce the number of deaths from this virus. Unfortunately, the timing of this crisis will make it impossible for the green industry to continue some services. Social distancing and limitations on non-essential travel are likely to continue well into the peak of our maintenance and planting season. Ultimately, it is our hope that everyone in your industry and communities survives the crisis, so that we in the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service can help you get back to business.

Throughout this crisis, Purdue Extension Specialists will continue to work to support you in the best ways possible. Although we are working remotely due to state mandates, we will still be able to answer our phones and produce our regular blogs including the Purdue Landscape Report and Turf Tips. The [Purdue Plant and Pest Diagnostic Laboratory](#) will continue to function to help you identify problems encountered in the landscape. Check the PPDL website for latest information on how to safely submit samples. Plant and Turf Doctor apps will still be updated and supported.

Please bookmark your supporting trade association pages so that you can stay updated about Federal Relief efforts and suggestions for best courses of action. Topics on these pages range from how to protect yourself, your employees and your customers, to updates on labor issues, H2 visas, and what you can do to maintain plants while observing travel restrictions resulting from Governor Holcomb's March 23 stay at home declaration. Green Industry workers are considered part of the critical infrastructure and are allowed *some* work-related travel. This is by no means permission to continue business as usual during the crisis.

Ultimately your health and safety and those of your staff and clients are more important than anything else. We urge you to follow state and CDC guidelines and to postpone or reschedule anything that is not absolutely critical to protecting the public

safety from falling trees, or maintaining your existing infrastructure and plants. Also, as the season progresses, some mowing and maintenance will be necessary to reduce the habitat of ticks and mosquitos that spread other diseases.

### Sites to Monitor

#### Federal Resources

- [OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 guidance for companies](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 resources in English, Spanish and Chinese](#)

#### State Resources

- [Purdue Extension COVID-19 Response](#)
- [Office of the Indiana State Chemist](#)
- [Indiana Nursery and Landscape Association](#)
- [Indiana Professional Lawn and Landscape Association](#)

### Sample Critical Infrastructure Travel Permits (Essential work only!)

- [ID for Employees Travel](#)
- [ID for Shipment of Supplies](#)

### Trade Association Websites

#### Turf

- [Coronavirus and Your Golf Business](#)  
National Golf Course Owners Association
- [Responding to the Coronavirus](#)  
National Club Association
- [Coronavirus Special Club Update podcast](#)  
National Club Association

## Nursery and Greenhouse

- [COVID-19 Resources](#)

Indiana Nursery and Landscape Association

Corona Virus

- [Coronavirus Resource Center](#)

AmericanHort

- [COVID-19 Resources](#)

Society of American Florists

## Landscape Maintenance and Arboriculture

- [Tree Care Industry Association](#)
- [How lawn and landscape maintenance services are essential services](#)
- [How arborists and tree care professionals protect the public](#)

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