

Landscape Contractors Applicable Definitions Research

Arborist or Urban Forester

1. A person trained in arboriculture, forestry, landscape architecture, horticulture, or related fields and experienced in the conservation and preservation of native and ornamental trees. (Loudon)

Commercial Landscape Operation

1. Commercial landscape operation means the provision of tree, lawn, and landscaping services including planting, pruning, mulching, and tree/lawn/grounds maintenance using landscaping materials grown on the property and landscape materials produced off-site such as top soil and mulch. Such uses may include greenhouses, office buildings, and equipment necessary for the operation of such services. (See principal/use-specific standards, Division 1: Standards for Specific Principal Uses and Structures, of Article VII: Use Standards.) (Powhatan)

Construction/Landscaping Equipment and Supply Sales and Service

1. Construction/landscaping equipment and supply sales and service. A retail or wholesale commercial establishment engaged in the sale, rental, service and/or repair from the premises of equipment, goods and materials used during construction and landscaping activities, including but not limited to: brick, stone, lumber and other wood construction materials, pipes and other plumbing supplies, wiring and other electrical supplies, drywall, carpet and other flooring products, sand, gravel, potting soil, fertilizer, mulch, plants, tools and hardware, motorized construction equipment, motorized lawn and garden equipment, and related equipment and supplies. May include a Nursery, Greenhouse, and Outdoor storage as accessory uses. (Purcellville)

Contractor

1. General service provider engaged in on-site erection, fabrication, installation, alteration, demolition, or removal of any structure, facility, material or addition thereto, including but not limited to, clearing of land, earth moving, and landscaping. (Gloucester)
2. Contractor's operation. The use of land and/or structures for businesses that contract to provide mostly off-site services, including, but not limited to: construction trades, excavation, service/repair work, and landscaping. The use may include offices and indoor/outdoor storage, repair and maintenance of the business' vehicles, equipment or materials. (Rockingham)

Contractor's Offices and Shops

1. Contractor's Offices and Shops: Establishments for the installation and servicing of such items as air conditioners, electrical equipment, flooring, heating, painting, plumbing, roofing, tiling and ventilating and establishments for the planting and maintenance of gardens, grounds and yards such as landscape contractors and lawn maintenance services. (Culpeper)
2. Establishments for the installation and servicing of such items as air conditioners, electrical equipment, flooring, heating, painting, plumbing, roofing, tiling and ventilating and establishments for the planting and maintenance of gardens, grounds and yards such as landscape contractors and lawn maintenance services. Such establishment shall not include retail sales to the general public except as a subordinate ancillary activity and display area accessible to the general public shall be limited to the lesser of either ten (10) percent of the gross floor area of the establishment or 1000 square feet. (Fairfax)
3. Establishments for the construction and/or repair of buildings, roads and utility lines; installation and servicing of heating, cooling and electrical equipment; flooring, painting, plumbing, roofing, and tiling;

landscaping; pest control; excavating, and other similar businesses as determined by the Zoning Administrator. (Fauquier)

4. "Contractor Service Establishment" Establishment for the installation and servicing of such items as air conditioners, electrical equipment, flooring, heating, painting, plumbing, roofing, tiling, ventilation, establishment for the planting and maintenance of gardens, grounds and yards, such as landscape contractors and lawn maintenance services, and construction and demolition services. Retail sales to the general public are not permitted except as an accessory use. (Loudon)
5. Establishments for the installation and servicing of such items as air conditioners, electrical equipment, flooring, heating, painting, plumbing, roofing, tiling and ventilating and establishments for the planting and maintenance of gardens, grounds and yards such as landscape contractors and lawn maintenance services. Contributing building, structure, or landscape means a building, structure, or landscape which has historic or cultural significance by reason of type, period, design, style, workmanship, form, materials, architectural details, or historic association to a significant event, or person, or has or may yield information important to prehistory or history. (Spotsylvania)

Contractor's Storage Yard

1. An area of land or a building where contractor's equipment, vehicles, material, etc. are stored. All such areas are subject to screening and landscaping. This definition shall not be construed to prohibit vehicles lawfully parked in accordance with Article 9-1-1. (Culpeper)

Garden Center

1. Garden center means a retail and/or wholesale sales establishment with or without a greenhouse/plant nursery, for the sale of plants, vegetation, trees and shrubs primarily (more than fifty-one (51) percent)sourced elsewhere or off-site and maintained and cared for onsite temporarily until sale. Accessory retail sales complementary to the primary use, including, but not limited to, (1) florist, (2) garden tools,(3) garden accent items, (4) lawn and garden care items (5) bulk landscaping materials; and, (6) water gardening, including sale of ornamental fish and aquatic plants, are also permitted. (Spotsylvania)
2. "Plant and garden supply sales." Stores which shall sell a combination of materials used in the process of creating, cultivating, decorating, and maintaining gardens and landscaped areas. The primary items sold may include plants, shrubs, and trees grown on- or off-site; seeds; produce; hand tools; fertilizer; plant containers and hangers; natural materials such as sand, soil, rock, wood chips, and mulch; and decorative features including sculptures, fountains, ponds, ornaments, and cast or formed cement and cement pavers. Patio and outdoor furniture, including grills, gazebos, trellises, and outdoor fireplaces may also be included as secondary and incidental items sold at a plant and garden supply store. Excluded from this definition are mechanical lawn and garden equipment, pools and pool equipment, lumber and building supplies. (James City County)
3. "Garden and Landscape Center": A use or structure for the storage, maintenance and/or retail sale of plants, products, equipment and supplies employed in connection with the raising and cultivation of house plants, herbs, flowers, vegetables, trees, shrubs and other indoor and outdoor plants, including landscape contracting. (Culpeper)
4. "Plant Nursery": An establishment for the propagation, cultivation and growing of nursery stock for gardens, grounds, yards, and indoor use such as trees, plants, shrubs, sod, seeds and vines and the retail sales of such nursery stock and items designed solely to maintain and preserve the life and health of nursery stock such as soil, mulch, plant food/nutrients, fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides. Limited retail sales of other related items also may be permitted by the Board in accordance with the provisions of Sect. 9-517. Landscape contracting services utilizing nursery stock grown on the property may be permitted as an accessory use to the plant nursery. For the purpose of this Ordinance, nursery stock

grown on the property shall include stock which is grown on the premises and stock which is purchased elsewhere and is grown or maintained on the premises. Establishments growing nursery stock and retailing nursery stock and other items in the retail commercial districts (C-5 through C-8 Districts) are considered a RETAIL SALES ESTABLISHMENT. The growing and/or maintenance of nursery stock for wholesale sales is considered to be AGRICULTURE. (Fairfax)

Home-Based Landscape Business

1. Home-based landscape business means a special type of home occupation that provides tree, lawn, and landscaping services including planting, pruning, mulching, and tree/lawn/grounds maintenance. (See accessory/use-specific standards, Division 2: Standards for Accessory Uses and Structures, of Article VII: Use Standards.) (Powhatan)

Landscape

1. An expanse of natural scenery or the addition or preservation of lawns supplemented by, shrubs, trees, plants or other natural and decorative features to land. (Isle of Wight)

Landscape Architect

1. A professional who is registered with the State Department of Professional and Occupational Registration as a certified landscape architect. (Fairfax)
2. A professional who is licensed to practice as such by the State of Virginia. (Fauquier)
3. A person who, by reason of his special knowledge of natural, physical and mathematical sciences, and the principles and methodology of landscape architecture and landscape architectural design acquired by professional education, practical experience, or both, is qualified to engage in the practice of landscape architecture and whose competence has been attested by the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects of the Commonwealth of Virginia through licensure as a landscape architect. Landscape design. The planned treatment of land, structures and flora complimenting building construction of land developments. (Stafford)
4. Landscape Architect: An individual who is recognized by the State and who is registered with the state department of professional and occupational registration as a "landscape architect". (Loudon)

Landscape Contractor

1. Landscape Contractor An establishment providing for the planting and maintenance of gardens, grounds and yards; such use shall be inclusive of lawn mowing services that employ more than one person. (Leesburg)

Landscaped Green Space

1. The space within the boundaries of a given lot that is designed to enhance privacy and the amenity of the development by providing landscaping features, screening for the benefit of the occupants or those in neighboring areas, or for a general appearance of openness. Landscaped green space may include but need not be limited to, lawns, decorative planting, flower beds, sidewalks/walk-ways, ornamental objects such as fountains, statues and other similar natural or artificial objects, wooded areas and water courses, any or all of which are designed and arranged to produce an aesthetically pleasing effect within the development. (Fauquier)
2. "Landscaped open space, area or strip." An area containing living plant materials, including trees, flowers, shrubs or grass. Landscaped areas may include pedestrian walks, ornamental objects,

decorative planting, lawns and wooded areas, but at least 50 percent of the area must be vegetated. Landscaped open space, areas or strips shall not include any building, parking surface or structure except as stated above, or any wet detention pond or infiltration trench. (James City County)

Landscaping

1. The introduction or selective retention of flourishing trees and shrubs carefully selected and arranged to perform a design purpose or environmental function, such as controlling visual direction, providing definition to architecture, modifying climate, filtering air pollution, and controlling runoff and erosion. Trees and shrubs shall be the primary plant materials to apply to the development of the required landscaping and street planting. Street planting may include berms and low walls in conjunctions with trees and shrubs. (Stafford)
2. The improvements of a lot with grass, shrubs, trees, other vegetation and/or ornamental objects. Landscaping may include pedestrian walks, flower beds, ornamental objects such as fountains, statues and other similar natural and artificial objects designed and arranged to produce an aesthetically pleasing effect. (Fauquier)
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Landscaping Service

1. An operation where equipment and materials are kept, and which provides yard and garden maintenance service. This may include an office or other buildings and structures to house inventory, equipment, and vehicles, but not a dump heap or landfill. (Prince William)

Lawn Care, Pool, or Pest Control Service

1. Lawn care, pool, or pest control service means an establishment primarily engaged in providing lawn care services (e.g., mowing, aeration, seeding, fertilizer, landscaping), swimming pool services (e.g., cleaning, draining, equipment repair), or pest control services (e.g., inspection, extermination). (Powhatan)

Retail Sales

1. "Outdoor Retail Sales." The display and sale of products and services primarily outside of a structure, for products such as, but not limited to: vehicles; garden supplies, flowers, shrubs, and other plant materials; gas, tires, and motor oil; food and beverages; boats and aircraft; farm equipment: recreational vehicles; burial monuments; building and landscape materials; and lumberyards. (Goochland)
2. Retail sales, general. A business establishment engaged in the sale or rental of consumer merchandise to the general resident population and/or to tourists, including household goods, clothing, appliances, and other such items. Does not include Construction/landscaping equipment and supply sales and service or Farm equipment and supply sales and service. (Purcellville)

American Planning Association Dictionary

Landscape Contractor

1. A business principally engaged in the decorative and functional alteration, planting, and maintenance of grounds. Such a business may engage in the installation and construction of underground improvements but only to the extent that such improvements (e.g., drainage facilities) are accessory to the principal business and are necessary to support or sustain the landscaped surface of the ground. (Lake County, Ill.)

Landscaping

1. The bringing of the soil surface to a smooth finished grade, installing sufficient trees, shrubs, groundcover, and grass to soften building lines, provide shade, and generally produce a pleasing visual effect of the premises. (North Kansas City, Mo.)
2. The area within the boundaries of a given lot that consists of planting materials, including but not limited to trees, shrubs, ground covers, grass, flowers, decorative rock, bark, mulch, and other similar materials. At least 50 percent of the landscaping area must be covered by live plant material at the time of plant maturity. (Fayetteville, Ark.)
3. The modification of the landscape for an aesthetic or functional purpose. It includes the preservation of existing vegetation and the continued maintenance thereof together with grading and installation of minor structures and appurtenances. (Kauai, Hawaii)
4. An expanse of scenery including lawns, trees, plants, and other organic or inorganic materials used to soften or mitigate the impacts of development. (Clarkdale, Ariz.)
5. The finishing and adornment of unpaved yard areas. Materials and treatment generally include naturally growing elements such as grass, trees, shrubs, and flowers. This treatment may also include the use of logs, rocks, fountains, water features, and contouring of the earth. (North Liberty, Iowa)
6. Live vegetative materials required for a development. Said materials provided along the boundaries of a site are referred to as perimeter landscaping. Landscaping provided on the remainder of the site is referred to as interior landscaping. (Burien, Wash.)