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Landscape Contractors Board

Pesticide Use Reminders for Landscapers

Guest Article by the Pesticides Program, Oregon Department of Agriculture

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Moss and weeds in landscaping, driveways, roofs, and gardens can be a widespread problem in the damp areas of the Pacific Northwest. It is not uncommon for people to use products that prevent growth or kill existing moss and weeds (e.g., weed and feed). Many people do not know that these types of products are classified as pesticides under state and federal law and that pesticide licensing is required before applying them commercially. Additionally, each product must be registered before being applied commercially to control moss, weeds, or other pests on a customer's property.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Pesticides Program regulates the sale, use and distribution of pesticides in Oregon. Our goal is to protect people and the environment

from adverse effects of pesticide use while maintaining the availability of pesticides for beneficial uses. The main ways that we do this are through pesticide licensing, pesticide product registration, pesticide investigations, and compliance monitoring.

During pesticide investigations, we look to see whether pesticides are being used according to their labels, whether the pesticide applicator(s) are wearing appropriate personal protective equipment, and whether the pesticide applicator(s) and their employer have the appropriate pesticide licensing and have kept the required records.

Individuals and businesses must be licensed by ODA before performing certain pesticide-related activities. In general, a commercial pesticide

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Upcoming Board Meetings

May 16, 2025

July 25, 2025

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applicator license is required to apply a pesticide to a customer's property. Additionally, their employer (business) must have a commercial pesticide operator license. Commercial pesticide licenses also have license categories, which may limit or specify the type of pesticides that can be used and/or locations where pesticides can be applied.

The pesticide label must always be followed. Pesticide product labels provide critical information about how to safely and legally handle and use pesticide products. This includes information, such as mixing (dilution) rates, where and how much to apply, requirements to prevent off-target movement and protect waterways, emergency first aid instructions, and how to dispose of the empty container. Pesticide labels are lawfully enforceable, and carry the statement, "It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling."

In other words, the label is the law.

Para ver este informe en español: <https://oda.direct/Pesticide-Bulletin-SPA-020625>

More information on licensing can be found on

our newly updated website at

<https://oda.direct/PesticideLicensing>

For more information about pesticides and to search for registered pesticide products, go to <https://oda.direct/SearchRegisteredPesticides>

If you have any questions or concerns about pesticides, please contact the ODA Pesticides Program at 503-986-4635 or

pesticide-expert@oda.oregon.gov. If you would like to discuss this topic and need a free language interpreter present, call 503-986-4635 to make arrangements or email (pesticide-expert@oda.oregon.gov) with your name, requested language, phone number and best time to call.

Para ayuda en español, llame al 503-986-4550 para dejar un mensaje de voz y alguien le regresará la llamada.



Meet LCB's Newest Staff: Norma Huerta



After relocating from Southern California to Oregon in 2022, she embraced change with excitement and soon welcomed her family to join her. Now serving as our English/Spanish bilingual Program Specialist, she brings a rich background in executive support and human resources, offering strong organizational skills and people-first mindset.

Outside of work, she enjoys spending time in her garden- especially when the Oregon weather cooperates. She is not only eager to grow personally and professionally, but also passionate about supporting our customers and contributing to the success of the team.

LCB Proposed 2025-27 Budget and Fee Change

The Landscape Contractors Board is accepting public comments regarding the agency's operating budget and a proposed fee change beginning October 1, 2025.

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published in the Secretary of State's Oregon Bulletin on April 1, 2025. You can view the full notice and related documents on the LCB website www.Oregon.gov/LCB on the Laws and Rules page.

Summary of Amended Administrative Rules

This proposed rule makes three changes related to the LCB budget (OAR 808- 001-0008) and fees (OAR 808-003-0130):

1. Amends the current 2023-2025 operating budget to include unplanned increases in costs and income

[Proposed 2023-2025 Modified Budget Document](#)

2. Proposes the 2025-2027 biennial operating budget

[Proposed 2025-2027 Budget which includes fee increase](#)

3. Proposes a \$30 fee increase to application and licensing fees and a \$10 increase to other fees, beginning October 1, 2025 (Other fees include late fees, status change fees, and reinstatement fees)

[Proposed fee increases](#)

Public meetings

We invite you to participate in the public hearing on the administrative rules listed . This will be your opportunity to provide verbal feedback on the proposed rule changes.

Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 9:00 - 10:00 AM PDT

You can attend in-person at 2111 Front St NE, Ste 2-101, Salem, OR 97301

or virtually through this Teams meeting link available on the LCB website, or by emailing

lcb.info@lcb.oregon.gov

How to send a public comment

If you cannot attend the public hearing and still want to provide comments on the proposed rules, you may send written comments by email to lcb.info@lcb.oregon.gov no later than

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 5:00PM

You can also mail comments to:

LCB, 2111 Front Street NE Suite 2-101, Salem, OR 97301

Questions?

If you have any questions about the below proposed changes, please email us at

lcb.info@lcb.oregon.gov

All comments received regarding this rule will be posted on the LCB website for public transparency, on the [Laws & Rules Page](#).

Legislative Updates

Here are some bills of interest we are tracking in the 2025 legislative session:

SB 864 A: Changes the LCB bond structure to require \$20,000 bond for all landscape contracting businesses.

SB 865: Amends LCB statutes to: include work under exemptions (tree work, low voltage lighting, backflow) in the definition of work as an independent contractor; clarify that both LCB and CCB licensees can install ornamental water features; and include all consumers in the right to cancel a contract.

HB 2067 A: Establishes a rebate program for the purchase of battery-powered leaf blowers

SB 360: Creates a pesticide licensing exemption for certain employees using a battery-powered device to apply pesticides.

Recent Enforcement Actions *(For the complete version: www.oregon.gov/lcb)*

County	Violation Type	Final Action
BENTON	Working Outside Scope of License, Working w/o a Written Contract	Civil Penalty
CLACKAMAS	Advertising w/o License x3	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
	Working Outside Scope of License	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
	Failing to Pay in Full on Claim	Revoked
CLARK	Failure to Comply with min Standards for Contracts	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
COOS	Advertising w/o License	Civil Penalty
CURRY	Failing to Pay in Full on Claim	Revoked
DESCHUTES	Advertising w/o License	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
	Conduct that is Injurious to the Public Welfare, Allowing the Use of License, Conduct that was Dishonest or Fraudulent	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
	Advertising w/o License , Operating w/o License & Complaint Filed	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
	Failing to Pay in Full on Claim	Revoked
HOOD RIVER	Attempts to Obtain a License by Fraud or Misrepresentation, Conduct that was Dishonest or Fraudulent	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
JACKSON	Operating w/o License x1, Advertising w/o License x6	Civil Penalty
	Failure to Comply with min Standards for Contracts	Civil Penalty
JEFFERSON	Advertising w/o License, Operating w/o License	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
JOSEPHINE	Advertising w/o License, Operating w/o License	Civil Penalty
	Failure to Maintain Liability Insurance - Suspend	Suspended License
LANE	Advertising w/o License x2	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
LINN	Failure to Use Business License # in Advertising, Advertising Outside Scope of License, Working Outside Scope of License	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
MARION	Advertising w/o License x4, Operating w/o License x1	Civil Penalty
	Failure to Notify Board - Address Change x2	Civil Penalty
	Advertising Outside Scope of License, Exceeding the modified landscape job size, Failure to Comply with min Standards for Contracts, Working Outside Scope of License	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
	Failure to Use Business License # in Advertising, Advertising Outside Scope of License, Working w/o a Written Contract - 1st Offense	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
	Failing to Pay in Full on Claim	Revoked
MULTNOMAH	Failure to Appear at On-Site Meeting	Civil Penalty
	Failure to Comply with min. Std for Contract - sub	Civil Penalty
	Failure to Notify Board of a Business Name, Advertising Outside Scope of License, Failure to Use Business License # in Advertising	Civil Penalty
	Advertising w/o License x 6, Operating w/o License x 1	Civil Penalty/ Stipulated Order
OUT OF STATE	Operating w/o License & Complaint Filed	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
	Failure to Maintain Bond	Suspended License
POLK	Operating w/o License	Civil Penalty
UMATILLA	Advertising w/o License, Operating w/o License	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
WASCO	Operating w/o License, Advertising w/o License	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
WASHINGTON	Advertising w/o License, Operating w/o License - 3rd Offense	Civil Penalty
	Advertising w/o License x2	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order
	Failure to Pay Civil Penalty	Suspended License
YAMHILL	Advertising w/o License x2	Civil Penalty / Stipulated Order

Welcome New LCB Licensees! (January– March 2025)

Chad Honl	Hector Escobar	Nikolaus Robinson
Jacob Holmstead	Manuel Avendano Sandoval	Jesus Bracamontes
Santiago Beltran	Everardo Antunez	Taylor Queen
Timothy Kilpatrick	Tyler Chase	Javier Vargas
Gary Bellon	Daniel Muro	Joel Villarreal
Dylan Taylor	Israel Negrete Cabrera	Zachary Mckesson
Brandon Zacharias	Justin Marble	Tanja Boudreaux
Benjamin Burran	Matthew Witzel	Garrett Sander
Erick Flores	Jose Soto-Castillo	Austin Racca
Garret Hergert	Gilbert A Witcraft JR	Ryan Williams
Joshua Pearlston	David Walker	Zelene Sanchez Toscano
Phillip Farris	Rileigh Orr	Ted Sams
Michael McCarthy	Francisco Esparza	Niles Brinton
Tyler Gholson	Jose Hernandez Medina	Bonifacio Garcia
Brittany Bevard	Carlos Ramirez Correa	Andre Bilodeau
Adan Elias Rangel	Ryan Dillight	KC Mastrud
Eric Campbell	Thomas Uckert	Kevin Jenison
Edward Collins	Francisco Torres	Jeffrey Winfrey
Tibor Seres	Eric Gonzalez-Gonzalez	Lucas James
Jill Costello	Agustin Rios	Thomas Slater
Jesse Schell	Ethan Eastwood	Trent Lundy

New Landscape Contracting Businesses

- 2 Green Life Landscape, LLC
- Abel Northwest LLC
- Arbor MD Tree Care, Inc.
- ASR Irrigation & Backflow LLC
- Castillos Landscaping LLC
- Chase The Canopy Tree Service LLC
- Confluence Industries, LLC
- Crater Lake Irrigation LLC
- Curb Appeal Yard and Garden
- DJM LLC
- Drip Drop Irrigation LLC
- DT Deluxe Landscape Maintenance LLC
- Earthmend LLC
- Ed Collins
- Elite Backflow Testing LLC
- Eugene Garden Coach LLC
- Evergreen Landscaping LLC
- Fast Lane Forestry & Arbor Works LLC
- Four Seasons Landscape Maintenance LLC
- Gilbert Anthony Witcraft Jr
- Grass Gator Lawn Care Services LLC
- Grass Masters Landscape Maintenance LLC
- Hernandez Landscaping Service LLC
- High Desert Hydroseed LLC
- Jesus Bracamontes
- Joshua Pearlston
- Laidlaw General Contracting LLC
- Leal Landscape Corporation
- Lumin Landscape LLC
- Lundy Landscaping and Outdoor Services LLC
- Mora's Lawn Care LLC
- Mountain Valley Gardens, LLC
- Nancy Prior Fine Gardening LLC
- One Way Landscaping & Hardscape LLC
- PDX Urban Gardens LLC
- Pioneer Water L.L.C
- PNWDP LLC
- Premier Contracting LLC
- Red Valley LLC
- Rose City Landscapes & Concrete LLC
- Sander Family Enterprises LLC
- Sarah Zinn
- Silver Creek Tree Care LLC
- Simply Green Home, Maintenance LLC
- Steve's Tree Service LLC
- Straw Hat LLC
- Ted T Sams
- Thomas G Slater
- Urban Village Designs LLC
- Vertical Ascent LLC
- VisionPro Landscape LLC
- Wolf Landscape & Hardscapes LLC
- Zachary McKesson

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Address changes must be reported to the LCB within 30 days and can be submitted through the [online portals](http://www.Oregon.gov/LCB) at www.Oregon.gov/LCB or by emailing, faxing, or mailing to the agency.

The Landscape Contractors Board meets regularly every other month, and the public is welcome to attend. You can find a list of upcoming board meetings, meeting agendas & past meeting minutes on the LCB website on the [Meeting Schedule & Minutes](#) page.

Are you interested in receiving notices about board meetings and rule filings?
Send us an email to lcb.info@lcb.oregon.gov and ask to be put on the notification list.

Holidays Observed

Memorial Day — May 26th
Juneteenth— June 19th
Independence Day — July 4th
Labor Day — September 1st