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TO: Interested Stakeholders

FROM: Governor Jay Inslee

DATE: May 8, 2020

SUBJECT: Resuming Landscape Services and Outdoor Maintenance – Proclamation 20-25

This memorandum serves as the criteria for resuming landscape services and outdoor maintenance under Phase 1 and is effective as of May 8, 2020.

After consulting with stakeholders, we have developed the comprehensive Phase 1 – Landscape Services and Outdoor Maintenance Industry COVID-19 Requirements. These requirements apply as long as Gubernatorial Proclamation 20-25, or any extension thereof, is in effect or if adopted as rules by a federal, state or local regulatory agency.

This memorandum stands in the place of any omission from the Appendix to Proclamation 20-25, “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers,” and supersedes all relevant portions of the Governor’s Guidance Bulletin issued on March 31, 2020.

For purposes of this memorandum, services can be performed at both residential and commercial locations. “Landscape services and outdoor maintenance” includes:

- Gardening, lawn care, design, greenery and hardscape maintenance, and arboriculture;
- Window and power washing, roof clearing, and outdoor extermination; and
- All other substantially similar activities.

“Landscape services and outdoor maintenance” does not extend to outdoor construction, which is covered by the Governor’s April 29, 2020, memorandum entitled [Implementation of Phase 1 Construction Restart – Proclamation 20-25](#). Indoor landscape services and maintenance, including interiorscaping, housecleaning, and janitorial services, will be covered in Phase 2.

No professionals governed by this memorandum may operate until they can meet and maintain all requirements, including providing materials, schedules and equipment required to comply. Currently operating landscape service and outdoor maintenance professionals must be in compliance no later than May 15, 2020.

- **General questions about how to comply with safety practices** can be submitted to the state's Business Response Center at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2562f1caf5814c46a6bf163762263aa5>.
- **All other violations related to Proclamation 20-25** can be submitted at <https://bit.ly/covidcompliance>.