

## **2. Definition of Landscaping Business; Permissible Activities**

For purposes of this Subsection, a landscaping business is defined as a business concern which may operate to construct, install and maintain lawns, trees, yards, shrubs, gardens, patios, related grounds and other outdoor areas which are owned by others.

### **Wikipedia Definition:**

- Landscaping refers to any activity that modifies the visible features of an area of land, including: living elements, such as flora or fauna; or what is commonly called gardening, the art and craft of growing plants with a goal of creating a beautiful environment within the landscape. Natural elements such as landforms, terrain shape and elevation, or bodies of water; and abstract elements such as the weather and lighting conditions.
- Landscaping requires expertise in horticulture and artistic design.
- Landscape Construction requires study and observation. It is not the same in different parts of the world. Landscaping varies according to different regions. Therefore normally local natural experts are recommended if it is done for the first time. Understanding of the site is one of the chief essentials for successful landscaping. Different natural features like terrain, topography, soil qualities, prevailing winds, depth of the frost line, and the system of native flora and fauna must be taken into account. Sometimes the land is not fit for landscaping. In order to landscape it, the land must be reshaped. This reshaping of land is called grading. Removal of earth from the land is called cutting while when earth is added to the slope, it is called filling. Sometimes the grading process may involve removal of excessive waste, soil

and rocks, so designers should take into account while in the planning stage.

- Landscaping has become more technological than natural, as few projects begin without bulldozers, lawnmowers, or chainsaws. Different areas have different qualities of plants. Fertilizers are required for this purpose in excess amounts as natural landscaping is done. Some landscapers prefer to use Mix gravel with rocks of varying sizes to add interest in large areas.
- Landscape Contracting is: "a profession that involves the art and technology of landscape and garden project planning, construction and landscape management, and maintenance and gardening; for garden aesthetics, human enjoyment and safety, and ecosystem-plant community sustainability.
- Landscape contractors work in collaboration with clients, landscape designers, landscape architects, garden designers, architects, general contractors, artisans, specialty construction trades, plant nursery growers, and municipal building inspectors, and trade supply stores and manufacturers.

- 1) May own or lease real and personal property, employ employees and may be authorized by special permit to own, lease, operate, and store vehicles and equipment reasonably necessary for business operations.
- 2) May be authorized to sell trees, shrubs, sod, seed
- 3) May be authorized to sell loam, mulch and related material

4) May be authorized to sell stone, stone dust, gravel, pavers and related material

5) May be authorized to sell landscape ornamentations

**Wikipedia Definition:**

- A Garden ornament is an item used for garden, landscape, and park enhancement and decoration. The category can include:

bird baths, bird feeders, nest box-bird houses, columns - cast stone  
fountains, rocks and boulders with basins  
reflecting pools - small/portable types  
waterfalls - small prefabricated type  
garden furniture  
gazing spheres  
holiday-seasonal ornaments and decorations  
landscape lighting - decorative fixtures  
outdoor sculpture, found art such as recycled bowling balls, toilet planters, farm equipment antiques...  
kinetic sculpture, masks, obelisks, renewable energy sculpture  
moon bridge - small ornament versions  
pagoda - small versions  
pedestals - e.g. terra cotta, cast stone  
pots, urns, ceramic art vases, statuary, bathtub madonnas  
concrete geese, garden gnomes, lawn jockeys, plastic pink flamingos, sundials, topiary specimens, wind chimes, wind harps, weathervanes, and other aesthetic additions.

- A purely decorative element in architecture and the decorative arts, a decoration in a garden, landscape, or park, a decoration in a grassy area

**The Free Dictionary Definition:**

- Something that decorates or adorns; an embellishment. 1. an object or feature intended to beautify the appearance of that to which it is added or of which it is a part; embellishment; decoration. 2. a group or style of such objects or features; ornamentation. 3. any adornment or means of adornment.
- Garden features are physical elements, both natural and manmade, used in garden design. Avenue, Cascade, Belvedere, Deck, Duck Island, Duck house, Duck pond, Folly, Fountain, Gazebo, Green wall, Grotto, Hedge, Herbaceous border, Lawn, Lawn gnome, Maze, Mound, Parterre, Path, Patio, Pergola, Pond, Roof garden, Stumpery, Swimming pool, Sylvan theater, Terrace, Topiary, Trellis, Walls, Vista

- 6) May be authorized to sell timbers
- 7) May be authorized to sell related materials needed to implement a landscape design
- 8) May be authorized to sell firewood
- 9) May be authorized to sell Christmas trees and other holiday materials
- 10) May be authorized to provide snow plowing and snow and ice removal services for third persons, including the Town