

## MLP CODE OF ETHICS

The Massachusetts Association of Landscape Professionals adopted the following Code of Ethics in order that the public have increased confidence in the integrity of the professional landscape industry. As a member, we agree to abide by the following code:

- △ To maintain and promote the highest standards of public service and conduct, by placing the interest, concerns, and needs of our customers above our own.
- △ To acknowledge that our industry has a special relationship with nature and therefore to strive to improve the environment through quality landscape practices.
- △ To provide safe and well maintained vehicles and equipment to ensure the safety and well being of our crews and the public at the work site, in transportation, and at the company headquarters.
- △ To operate our business beyond reproach by providing the proper Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance coverage required by law.
- △ To progress in our qualifications and proficiency as a member of the industry and to provide ongoing training and education to employees in safe and proper landscape management and construction techniques.
- △ To avoid and condemn any practice which might bring discredit to our industry.
- △ To maintain a reputation for fair and honorable conduct with clients, employees, and suppliers.
- △ To improve and advance our industry through improving our qualifications, encouraging research and exchanging information and experiences.
- △ To abide by laws & regulations affecting the industry and to promote their enforcement. To acknowledge that governmental and recognized standards are the mutual responsibility of the product manufacturer and user.
- △ To observe the Bylaws of the Association and to give ourselves freely for the advancement of its objectives.

## HOW DO I JOIN?

Simply complete this membership application and mail it along with your dues payment and applicable insurance certificate to:

Massachusetts Association of  
Landscape Professionals  
8-D Pleasant Street South  
Natick, MA 01760

If you have any questions concerning membership, please call our MLP Office at (508) 653-3373 or e-mail to [info@mlp-mclp.org](mailto:info@mlp-mclp.org).

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# AN INVITATION TO JOIN



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### **Massachusetts Association of Landscape Professionals**

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[www.mlp-mclp.org](http://www.mlp-mclp.org)

The Massachusetts Association of Landscape Professionals (MLP) is a trade association that represents the leading landscape professionals in Massachusetts. MLP elevates the professional standards and business success of its members through education, certification advocacy and networking.

MLP improves the business of its members through:

**Communication:**

Promotion of ongoing interaction among members through consumer awareness; educational events; peer networking; industry participation.

**Certification:**

Sponsorship of the Massachusetts Certified Landscape Professional program (MCLP) designed to increase the public's confidence in the integrity of the professional landscape industry.

**Education:**

Design and support of programs that improve the skill of the membership and encourage students to join the profession.

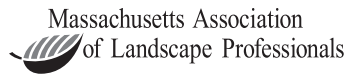
**Information:**

Constant appraisal of the membership on the latest industry research; new products; equipment; and legislation issues.

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**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

- Legislative representation
- Training seminars
- New England Grows
- Educational dinner meetings
- MCLP program discounts
- Quarterly newsletter
- Web site listing (for Commercial, Individual, and Associate members)
- Networking and support from an active peer group
- Listing in the annual Landscape Contracting directory
- Extensive interaction with allied trade groups
- Support of horticultural scholarships
- Reduced admission to MLP functions
- MCLP Recertification opportunities



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Please check appropriate membership classification (Annual Dues run January through December inclusive):

**Commercial Active** membership is available to companies actively engaged in landscape management, design/build installation, lawn care, landscape architecture/design, or other landscape industry services. Commercial Active members must carry workers' compensation and/or general liability insurance as required by law.

Annual dues range from \$250.00 to \$450.00 and are based on the number of full time employees. (Please check one)

- 0-7 employees \$250.00 Includes 2 member contacts\*
- 8-15 employees \$350.00 Includes 3 member contacts
- 16 or more employees \$450.00 Includes 5 member contacts

\* Member Contacts are individuals who receive information from the association via regular or electronic mail. Additional Member Contacts may be added for an annual fee of \$25.00 per contact.

**Individual Active** membership is available to individuals with a connection to an entity whose sole profits are not derived from the landscape industry (i.e. municipal personnel, property manager, golf course superintendent, general contractor). Annual dues are \$100.00.

**Associate membership** is available to individuals, or firms, supplying products or services used by the landscape industry. Annual dues are \$250.00.

**New Member** is available to any company, or individual, interested in MLP membership. An introductory rate of \$100.00 is available for the first year of membership. After the first year, the membership automatically converts to the appropriate dues category. This offer is available to new members only.

**Student membership** is open to full time students enrolled in horticultural programs. Student membership carries no voting privileges. A photocopy of current student i.d. is required. Annual dues are \$25.00.

NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX PLEASE) \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

WEB SITE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE FIRM STARTED \_\_\_\_\_ INSURANCE CARRIER \_\_\_\_\_

WORKERS' COMPENSATION POLICY # \_\_\_\_\_ GENERAL LIABILITY POLICY # \_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF PAYMENT:**  Check made payable to MLP enclosed  Credit Card:  MasterCard  Visa

CARD # \_\_\_\_\_ NAME ON CREDIT CARD \_\_\_\_\_

EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SECURITY CODE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD BILLING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you passed the Massachusetts Certified Landscape Professional exam?  No  Yes (date passed \_\_\_\_\_)

Number of Full Time Employees (for Commercial Active Membership) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all services that are offered by your company:

- Residential  Grading & Drainage  Landscape Construction  Outdoor Lighting  Supplier
- Commercial  Insect & Disease Mgmt  Maintenance  Snow & Ice Management  Water Features
- Design  Installation  Nursery  Stonework
- Excavating  Irrigation  Organic Land Care  Other, specify \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby pledge that the above information is accurate and my company maintains the proper insurance, as required by law. I desire membership in and agree to assume the obligations and responsibilities of such membership as set forth in the MLP Code of Ethics found on the reverse side of this membership application.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Active members may list 15 Massachusetts towns in which they provide service. Please list on separate sheet of paper or email to: MLP, 8-D Pleasant Street South, Natick, MA 01760, (508) 653-3373, FAX (508) 653-4112, info@mlp-mclp.org, www.mlp-mclp.org