



The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation remains committed to providing critical, up-to-date information to businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the protective measures in place to mitigate virus spread.

This update pertains to information we previously sent to you stating that landscaping is considered a Nonessential Operation under Governor Evers' ["Safer at Home" Order](#).

THE DESIGNATION FOR LANDSCAPING HAS BEEN CLARIFIED AS FOLLOWS: In accordance with Section 13.a. of the Governor's Order and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) memorandum issued on March 28, 2020, landscapers are considered an Essential Business or Operation, so long as the service is necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, businesses and buildings.

If your landscaping business is not necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences, businesses, and buildings, you are still authorized to continue Minimum Basic Operations under Section 14 of the Order. Minimum Basic Operations include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements while carrying out such operations:

- The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, preserve the condition of the business's physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions, including where these functions are outsourced to other entities and
- The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

Minimum Basic Operations does NOT include serving customers in person. Minimum Basic Operations may include one person in a room or confined space, including a car or truck, fulfilling nonessential deliveries, mailing parcels, or receiving parcels. Delivery and parcel services cannot require a signature by the recipient. Other services or activities requiring more than one person may only continue via phone or virtually.

For the latest information on programs and resources available to Wisconsin businesses facing operational challenges resulting from COVID-19 pandemic, we invite you to visit our COVID-19 Business Resources [page](#).