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On the afternoon of March 20, 2020, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker issued a "Stay-at-Home" order across the State of Illinois. This went into effect at 5pm on Saturday, March 21 and lasts through April 7. Essentially the order is for 18 days and 12 working days.

Vice President

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The order allows for the continued operation of essential businesses only. Lawn and landscape services are essential services and permissible under Section 12. Paragraph H. of the Executive Order that reads: Critical trades. Building and Construction Tradesmen and Tradeswomen, plumbers, electricians, exterminators, cleaning and janitorial staff for commercial and governmental properties, security staff, operating engineers, HVAC, moving and relocation services, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses and Operations;

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Although landscaping is not mentioned by name, landscape services were verified as essential by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Activity on March 23, 2020. They released an FAQ document on essential businesses that reads:

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Can residential and commercial lawn service remain open?

Yes. Many landscape projects will fit under an exemption such as construction, agriculture, or public works. Outdoor landscape projects generally will provide for good social distancing that poses little risk of transmission, but it still is important to ensure the ability to wash or sanitize hands and take other precautions.

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Landscape services are permissible under the Executive Order until it expires on April 7 or a new Executive Order is issued. This would include essential services for the following trades: landscape contractors (construction and maintenance), lawn care, and tree care.

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Landscape professionals are required to take steps to protect their employees from the spread of COVID-19.

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The ILCA is able to answer any consumer questions and can be contacted at information@ilca.net.

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Regards,

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