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NCLCLB Enewsletter

Your source for North Carolina Landscape Contractor information.

The Board Enewsletters, emails, and letters are meant to provide licensed landscape contractors with meaningful information they can use, as well as important reminders and notifications to help contractors stay in compliance with the law.

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Focus On: License Renewal

Your license will expire on July 31, 2023.

You must complete your continuing education requirement by July 31, 2023 before you can renew, and Renewal Applications must be submitted online or postmarked on or before August 1, 2023 to avoid reinstatement and late fees. **Don't wait until the last minute to complete your continuing education as classes do fill up.**

REMINDER: <u>You must personally take</u> the approved webinar/course/activity to obtain credit. Filing false information is fraud and is a violation of North Carolina law N.C.G.S.89D that can jeopardize your license.

If you have completed your continuing education requirements to renew, the NCLCLB Interactive Licensee Portal lets you renew immediately! It's quick and easy:

- Click on the "RENEW ONLINE PORTAL" button below.
- Use your unique individual login id and password; **Note:** the corporate login and password are different.
- Fill out and submit the online renewal application.

Renewing on the NCLCLB Interactive Licensee Web Portal is quick, easy, and processes your renewal immediately for your peace of mind. However, you may still renew by mail by downloading the renewal form on the "Individual License Renewal" page of the Boards' website.

RENEW ONLINE -PORTAL

Additional Portal Features

The NCLCLB Licensee Interactive Web Portal is feature-packed and available 24/7/365 to:

- Renew your license online, easily and instantly
- View your continuing education hours reported by course providers
- Check your licensure and renewal status
- Update your contact information such as address, email, website and phone number (required)
- Change your password
- Plus, other helpful features are being added

Access the Portal Anytime

You can access the Portal anytime:

- 1. Visit the NCLCLB home page www.nclclb.com
- 2. Click on "Portal Login" under Important Links

Renewal Questions and Assistance

If you need help regarding your renewal, please email the NCLCLB staff **landscape.licensing@nclclb.com** or call (919) 266-8070.

Did You Know ...?

Thinking of not renewing your license?

You could find that you could not recover your money if a client determines that you performed work while unlicensed in violation of the law. And you could find yourself in court for unlicensed practice.

While a court might rule otherwise, there is precedent in *Brady vs Fulgum* where a builder filed against a homeowner to recover on a contract for construction of a home. The court ruled against the builder saying the contract was unenforceable as it stemmed from an illegal contract because the builder was unlicensed in violation of NC law.

Although there has not been a similar case involving a landscaper as yet, it is possible that should a similar situation occur, the court could issue a comparable ruling citing precedent that the landscaper was unlicensed in violation of NC law and therefore the contract or agreement was unenforceable.

And from the Board case files...

The case of "Volcano Mulching"

Per the law 21 NCAC 28B .0502 PLANTING....:

19. When mulching plants, maintain a mulch depth that is beneficial to the health of the plants.20. When mulch is applied, apply mulch so that it does not touch a tree trunk or root flare.

Please share this information with your crews to avoid mulching issues and consumer complaints.



Maintaining Your License



Reinstatement

If you, or someone you know, were a Licensed Landscape Contractor in 2021-2022, but missed the August 1 renewal deadline, you can still be reinstated.

By law, failure to reinstate your license by August 1, 2023 shall result in the forfeiture of your license. Upon forfeiture, you shall be required to submit a new application and retake the examination... which will cost considerably more in time and money than to reinstate now.

> CLICK HERE to Reinstate



CE Audits

The Board is auditing licensees for continuing education (CE) compliance. License audits are conducted randomly.

Licensees selected for an audit shall submit all requested information to the Board within 21 calendar days after the date the licensee is notified.

Failure to maintain compliance with the Board's CE requirements shall result in the licensee's status being changed to inactive per 21 NCAC 28B .0403

> CLICK HERE for Audit Requirements and Processes



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