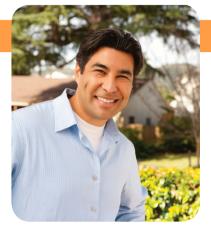
# THE INFORMED Consumer





## HOW TO HIRE A LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR

Finding a landscape contractor is not a difficult task, but assessing the qualifications and business practices of an individual or a company can require substantial effort on the part of the consumer. The State of Illinois and most of its municipalities do not define nor regulate the work of landscape contractors, which puts the burden of responsibility and risk on the consumer.

Consumers in Illinois can look to Landscape Illinois to find qualified, reputable, and

insured professionals providing all manner of landscape and exterior services. Through Landscape Illinois, members obtain training and continuing education in both technical and business skills to enhance their business practices and the professionalism of their employees. The more than 800-member firms across the state have unparalleled access to research, publications and product information, as well as an open-line of communication to product manufacturers, educators and researchers.

#### CONSTRUCTION

- Plant Installation
- Retaining Walls
- Excavating & Grading

#### **MAINTENANCE**

- Lawn Mowing
- Weeding, Fertilizing, Core Aerating
- Pruning
- Mulching
- Spring & Fall Clean-Up
- Annuals & Containers
- Holiday Lighting
- Snow Removal

#### **DESIGN**

- Site Analysis
- Outdoor Kitchens & Living Areas
- Vegetable and Perennial Gardens
- Pools & Spas
- Water Features
- Fireplaces & Fire Pits

### **How We Stand Apart**

- ☐ We are members of Landscape Illinois.
- We carry workers compensation insurance and business liability insurance appropriate to our operation, and for the entire duration of the project.
- ☐ We are appropriately licensed to do the type of work proposed in your community.
- ☐ We comply with all state and federal labor laws.
- ☐ We employ state-licensed pesticide applicators to apply chemicals when necessary.
- ☐ We employ staff who are properly trained and qualified to operate the machinery used.
- ☐ We provide a written estimate that details the cost of your improvement, the materials being used, and our contractual obligations.
- ☐ We can provide a portfolio of our work as well as references.

'HAT CAN A LANDSCAPE ILLINOIS MEMBER DO FOR YOU' Carpentry & Decks Landscape Lighting • Stone, Brick & Concrete Masonry • Fences & Gates • Green Roofs & Walls Patios, Driveways, Walks Irrigation Systems Erosion/Flood Control **HORTICULTURE**  Tree Care/Arborist Soil Preparation Weed, Insect & Disease Control Nursery Sales Ecological Plantings Sport Courts

