January 2020

Dear Landscaper:

For your convenience attached please find an application for your Rumson Landscapers Operator's Permit for 2020. The fee schedule is $50.00 for two tags and $5.00 for each additional tag that is required for your fleet.

Please list all vehicles being used in the Borough of Rumson, if additional space is needed please use a separate sheet of paper and list the information required. Return the completed application along with any additional information and your payment cash or check made payable to Rumson Borough.

As a final reminder the following will be adhered to:

The application/renewal deadline is April 1, 2020

Vehicle hang tags must be displayed for inspection from all vehicles working in the Borough of Rumson

Failure to obtain a permit will result in a violation and possible fine

The hours of operation of equipment such as leaf blowers and gasoline powered lawn equipment/yard maintenance equipment is subject to follow Borough Ordinance. Hours of operation of noise generating equipment are Monday – Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm or during daylight savings time 7:30am to 6:30pm, Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm and NO LANDSCAPER IS PERMITTED TO WCRK IN THE BOROUGH ON SUNDAYS OR MAJOR HOLIDAYS. (Ordinance attached)

If you require additional information please feel free to call us 732-842-3300.

Sincerely,

Mark Wellner
Mark Wellner, CPWM
Superintendent of Public Works
Landscapers Rules and Regulations

Operational work hours within the Borough
Daily 7:30am -5pm
Daylight saving time 7:30am – 6:30pm
Saturday 9a – 5pm
No work on Sunday and Major Holidays

Leaf Collection
Leaves must be loose at the curb, NO Sticks, NO Brush, No Debris and NOT BAGGED
Leaves are collected from November 1st to December 31st and again March 1st to April 15th
Leaves can only be placed in front of property where work has been performed
Leaf piles must be tight to the curb lines, keeping lanes clear for traffic
Residents are responsible for leaf removal after the scheduled pick up has occurred

Brush Collection
Brush must be cut into 4’ lengths and no larger than 8” in diameter, No Debris
Brush is collected on an ongoing basis from January 1 through October 31st
Brush can only be placed in front of property where work has been performed
Residents are responsible for brush removal after the scheduled pick up has occurred
The maximum collection per residence, per pick up is 5 cubic yards (the equivalent to a pickup truck bed)

Grass Clippings
Cut it and leave it DO NOT Blow to Curb or into Street

Storm Drains and Curbs
Keep gutters clean for storm water runoff. Do not obstruct drains.

Snow Removal
Homeowners/contractors DO NOT direct snow from snow blowers into roadway
Homeowners/contractors responsible for clearing roadway after plowing of driveway

Any violation of rules will result in fines and/or loss of permit

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4-9 REGISTRATION OF LANDSCAPERS AND TREE REMOVAL COMPANIES.

4-9.1 Purpose.

a. The purpose of this section requiring landcaper and tree removal company registration is to ensure that persons defined in subsection 4-9.2 are cognizant of the Borough's regulations concerning the Borough's tree protection and branch collection regulations. Nothing in this section shall relieve any owner, lessee or tenant of his or her responsibility to comply with the requirements of the Borough's Tree Protection Ordinances. In the case of an emergency, the Tree Conservation Officer may waive the registration requirements.

b. No person shall landscape or engage in any landscaping or tree removal on any public or private property within the Borough for hire without first registering with the Municipal Clerk, on forms to be supplied by the Borough.

(Ord. No. 12-012G, §1)

4-9.2 Definitions.

For the purpose of this section, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present text include the future, words in the plural number include the singular and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

For hire shall mean to demand and/or accept payment or compensation for completion of services.

Landscape and landscaping shall mean to be in the business, occupation or trade of adorning or improving any property or portion of property by trimming or cutting grass or shrubs; by planting, installing or removing leaves, branches, grass, flowers, mulch, hedges or shrubs; or by planting, removing or installing trees. As used in this section, landscape and landscaping shall also refer to solicitation of the above-referenced services.

Person shall mean any individual or entity whose existence is recognized by law, including, but not limited to, any partnership, corporation (for-profit, nonprofit, or municipal and its agencies), firm, association, or any combination of the foregoing.

Tree removal shall mean the actual removal of trees, or direct or indirect actions resulting in the effective removal of trees through damage or poison, or similar actions directly or indirectly resulting in the death of trees.

(Ord. No. 12-012G, §1)
4-9.3 Applications for Registration; Fee; Suspension or Revocation of Registration; Disclaimer.

a. At the time of registration, applicants shall provide proof that they have received a copy of and will comply with the provisions of the Borough's ordinance regulating its leaf and branch collection program and tree protection.

b. Every registration shall be issued and renewed on an annual basis, effective February 1 of each year, upon payment of an annual fee to the Borough in the amount of fifty ($50.00) dollars for two (2) tags. Additional tags shall be furnished at a cost of five ($5.00) dollars each at the time of registration; the cost of replacements for lost or stolen tags shall be ten ($10.00) dollars each.

c. No registration shall be required of any owner, lessee or tenant of real property who shall personally perform activities otherwise requiring a registration; except that all such work must otherwise comply with the Borough's ordinance.

d. The Borough Council may, upon recommendation of the Borough's Tree Conservation Officer or Borough Superintendent of Public Works, or designee of one or both, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, suspend or revoke any registration for violation of law or related Borough ordinances, or for good cause, which is shown to be prejudicial to the public health, safety or welfare. When the Tree Conservation Officer or Borough Superintendent of Public Works, or designee of one or both, has reasonable cause or belief that an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare so requires, said official may temporarily suspend any registration for a period not to exceed one (1) week or until the Borough Council can be convened to consider said suspension.

e. The Borough makes no guarantee or representation regarding the fitness, knowledge or qualification of any person that is registered by the Borough to engage in landscaping for hire.

(Ord. No. 12-012G, §1; Ord. No. 14-002G § 2)

4-9.4 Violations and Penalties.

a. Any person(s), firm(s), or corporation(s) who violates any provision of this section shall, upon conviction thereof in Municipal Court, be punished by imposition of the penalties as stated in Chapter III, subsection 3 1.1.

b. Each instance of engaging in a separate regulated activity, in violation of this section, including specifically each tree removed, shall be deemed a separate offense.

c. In addition, the Borough may institute civil action for injunctive or other relief to enforce the provisions of this section including requiring the replacement of all trees illegally removed and/or, at the option of the Borough, the payment of a contribution to allow equivalent mitigation on public land.

(Ord. No. 12-012G, §1)