

LOUISIANA HORTICULTURE COMMISSION
HORTICULTURE LAW
Title 3
CHAPTER 24. HORTICULTURE

§3808. Terms and conditions of licenses and permits

P. Landscape irrigation contractors shall be subject to the following provisions:

- (1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a landscape irrigation contractor's license authorizes the holder to construct, install, connect, repair, maintain, improve, or alter any portion of a landscape irrigation system, including the required wiring within that system, and to install and connect the landscape irrigation system to the required power supply and to a public or private water supply system.
- (2) For license renewal, each landscape irrigation contractor shall obtain continuing training as determined by rule of the commission.
- (3) He shall request and be issued any necessary permits from any governing authority.
- (4) Prior to connecting to a public or private water supply system, a licensed landscape irrigation contractor shall obtain a water supply protection specialist endorsement from the State Plumbing Board. The State Plumbing Board shall issue a special endorsement of a water supply protection specialist to any licensed landscape irrigation contractor who completes the training required by the State Plumbing Board as provided for in R.S. 37:1368(H)(1); however, neither a journeyman plumber's license nor a master plumber's license shall be required.
- (5) Backflow prevention devices shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of Part XIV of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code by a person holding a water supply protection specialist endorsement.
- (6) Nothing in this Subsection shall permit any licensed landscape irrigation contractor to perform any electrical or plumbing services not provided for in this Subsection, for which a license is required from any other regulatory board. Nothing in this Subsection shall prohibit a licensed electrician or plumber from providing electrical or plumbing services necessary to make or keep an irrigation system operational.

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§115. General Requirements for All Licensees or Permittee

E. Licensees must display at least one of their license numbers on both sides of all vehicles that have advertisement or signs and are used for business purposes with lettering at least 2 inches high and legible at the distance of 25 feet. The number to be displayed shall be the last four digits of the license number preceded by two letters indicating the type of license as follows:

AR - Arborist
HS - Horticulturist
LA - Landscape Architect
LC - Landscape Contractor
IC - Landscape Irrigation Contractor
RF - Retail Florist
UA - Utility Arborist
WF - Wholesale Florist

§117. Professional and Occupational Standards and Requirements

J. General Requirements for Landscape Irrigation Contractor

1. Before the commission issues a landscape irrigation contractor license the person to be licensed shall first furnish to the commission a certificate of insurance, written by an

insurance company authorized to do business in Louisiana, covering the public liability of the applicant, as a licensee, for personal injuries and property damages. The insurance policy shall provide for not less than \$25,000 per personal injuries and not less than \$50,000 for property damages, both limits applicable to each separate accident. The certificate of insurance must provide for 30 days' written notice to the commission prior to cancellation.

2. Licensees are required to attend and complete a commission approved continuing training seminar at least once every three years. Each licensee, prior to renewal of his or her license, shall provide the commission with certifiable evidence that the licensee has timely and successfully completed such a seminar.
3. Licensed landscape irrigation contractors shall enter into a written contract with the property owner specifying the landscape irrigation services to be performed and the sum to be paid for the services. The contract shall include the following statement: "Any complaints regarding landscape irrigation installation should be directed to the Louisiana Horticulture Commission at 225/952-8100." Both parties shall receive a copy of the contract.
4. Licensees must display their license at all times in a location accessible to the general public or any representative of the commission.
5. The following clarifications apply to licensed landscape irrigation contractors.
 - a. A licensed landscape irrigation contractor is not required to have a water supply protection specialist endorsement from the State Plumbing Board in order to install an irrigation system up to the point of connecting the irrigation system to a public or private water supply system or installing a backflow prevention device.
 - b. A licensed landscape irrigation contractor shall also have a water supply protection specialist endorsement from the State Plumbing Board before connecting any irrigation system to a public or private water supply system or installing a backflow prevention device, pursuant to R.S. 3:3808(P)(4), (5).
 - c. A governing authority, such as a parish or municipality, shall issue all necessary permits, including necessary electrical permits, to a licensed landscape irrigation contractor who does not hold a water supply protection specialist endorsement for the installation of an irrigation system, except for those permits that would allow such a licensed landscape irrigation contractor to connect the irrigation system to a public or private water supply system or install a backflow prevention device.
 - d. A governing authority, such as a parish or municipality shall issue all necessary permits to a licensed landscape irrigation contractor who holds a water supply protection specialist endorsement from the State Plumbing Board for the installation of an irrigation system, including necessary electrical permits and those permits that would allow such a licensed landscape irrigation contractor to connect the irrigation system to a public or private water supply system or install a backflow prevention device.
 - e. A licensed landscape irrigation contractor who also holds a water supply protection specialist endorsement from the State Plumbing Board is required by R.S. 3:3816(6) to install backflow prevention devices in accordance with ordinances adopted by local governing authorities, such as parishes and municipalities, regulating the installation of backflow prevention devices. If a local governing authority does not have an ordinance regulating the installation of backflow prevention devices, such devices shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of Part XIV (Plumbing) of the Sanitary Code, State of Louisiana.