

There are many promising occupations in the 'green industry' and horticulture field. Prepare yourself for the growing career opportunities as a landscaping and grounds maintenance contractor.

Landscaping and grounds maintenance contractors do landscaping and lawn care, and work with trees. Their duties may include the following:

- › assessing and planning programs for plant, lawn, and tree care
- › cutting lawns and pruning trees or plants
- › selecting and using appropriate fertilizer products
- › selecting and using appropriate insecticide or products for disease prevention or treatment
- › selecting and planting various plants and trees
- › identifying and treating sick or damaged plants, lawns, and trees
- › preparing and maintaining garden beds
- › writing detailed reports on their work
- › interacting with other contract workers and clients

MORE INFORMATION

Programs

Practical Horticulture Certificate (1 yr)
 Horticulture Landscape Diploma (2 yrs)
 Nova Scotia Community College
 Search Learning Programs/Programs/
 Trades and Technology

Kingstec Campus
www.nsc.ca

Professional Organizations

Landscape Nova Scotia
www.landscapenovascotia.ca

Nova Scotia Department of Environment
 and Labour
www.gov.ns.ca/enla

Nova Scotia Department of Education,
 Apprenticeship Training Division
www.apprenticeship.EDnet.ns.ca

Career and Job Prospects

Nova Scotia Career and
 Labour Market Information
 For up-to-date information visit
www.novascotiacaereroptions.ca

Job Futures

Canada's National Career and
 Education Planning Tool
www.jobfutures.ca

**Human Resources and
 Skill Development Canada**

National Occupation Classification (NOC)
www23.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca

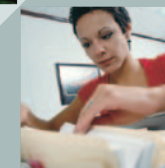
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Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance
 Contractors and Managers: 8255



Career Pathways Series

LANDSCAPING AND GROUNDS
 MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS



Information for High School Students

PERSONAL SKILLS

NEEDED

- People who succeed in this field
- › enjoy working outdoors
 - › are dependable and reliable
 - › are willing to try new processes and methods
 - › have good observation skills
 - › are physically fit and have stamina
 - › are innovative
 - › are willing to try new, more-efficient technologies
 - › have good teamwork skills
 - › are resourceful and have good problem-solving skills



WHERE THEY

WORK

- Landscaping and grounds maintenance contractors can find work throughout Nova Scotia. Contractors may be employed by:
- › landscaping and grounds maintenance companies
 - › golf courses
 - › greenhouses
 - › property management companies
 - › tree service companies
 - › forestry companies and lumber producers
 - › wood lot owners
 - › lawn care and horticulture retailers

WHAT THEY

EARN

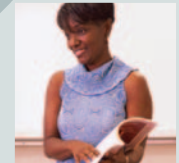
- Average hourly income: \$15.25
Minimum: \$9.25
Maximum: \$22.50

REQUIRED

COURSES

High School

Landscaping and grounds maintenance contractors must complete high school. To prepare for this type of work or for horticulture studies, biology, or other natural science or physical science courses may be beneficial. As well, it would be good to develop your level of physical fitness so that you can do long stints of physical work.



What is the difference between landscaping and grounds maintenance contractors; managers?

Landscaping and grounds maintenance contractors report to and are supervised by landscape managers. They carry out the program of maintenance developed by managers and may be responsible for writing detailed reports of all completed work.

Landscape and grounds maintenance managers are responsible for the human resources side of the operation of landscape businesses. Their duties may include hiring and supervising contract workers, developing and directing the schedule of work, estimating new projects, and developing and maintaining budgets for projects and properties.

People of diverse identities, backgrounds, and experiences find landscaping and grounds maintenance to be challenging and rewarding careers. Currently, the workforce is mostly male; however, more women are entering green industry than ever before.