

Back to Work Guidelines – Phase 1

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: I'm a landscaper that works alone, how do I comply with the guidelines?

Answer: You must travel to and from work alone, you must disinfect any tools, door handles, or bathrooms that others will use at the place you are working, and you must always have hand sanitizer on your person.

Question: What is the difference between a Construction Site and a Work Site?

Answer: A Construction Site is place where construction work is occurring that is subject to a building permit; including new buildings, additions, renovation, or demolition. A Work Site is all other locations like a yard you are landscaping, a house where only painting is occurring, or a house that has a project going on that would not be considered a renovation like the installation of solar panels, or the installation of new HVAC equipment.

Question: I have large item that will take two people standing closer than 6 feet to lift but we do not have masks, what should we do?

Answer: Any work that requires you to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should not be carried out if you do not have the appropriate PPE.

Question: My client is working from home but wants me to do a project inside their house, can I do this work?

Answer: Only emergency work related to a required system, such as repairing a furnace or leaking pipe, or work specifically authorized by the Building Inspector may take place inside an occupied home. This is for the safety of the homeowner and the worker.

Question: Can I have more than two people working at a single Worksite or Construction site if they are spaced apart?

Answer: No, only two workers from any trade may be present on a single Worksite or Construction Site at one time.

Question: Does my Construction Site need a handwashing station and hand sanitizer?

Answer: No, all Construction Sites MUST have a handwashing station, but hand sanitizer is not required. It is encouraged that everyone carries hand sanitizer on their person.

Question: What size are the posters to be, 8.5" x 11"?

Answer: 8.5" X 11" or larger and laminating is encouraged for any wet location.

Question: When can I submit my Back to Work Checklist and request an inspection of my Construction Site?

Answer: Checklists should not be submitted prior to April 27th because no workers shall be on the site prepping the site prior to April 27th. You may submit your Back to Work Checklist starting on the morning of April 27th.

Question: Can a single company representative visit the site to prep it this week?

Answer: No, workers shall return to the Construction Site until April 27th. One or two workers may return to the Construction Site on April 27th only to prep the site and may not undertake any other work until the Construction Site is inspected and a work authorization is issued. Workers prepping the site shall operate under the Worksite guidelines.

Question: What's the earliest date I can start work?

Answer: Workers at a Worksite may begin work on April 27th so long as all elements of the guidelines are followed. Construction Site work may start when the Back to Work Checklist is complete, and the Construction Site is inspected. Inspectors will schedule inspections as quickly as possible.

Question: The checklist says that we must take breaks on site. Does this mean that we now have to give all of our employees breaks and if so, how many?

Answer: The quantity and duration of breaks required site is determined by state law. Employers are encouraged to allow breaks for handwashing as necessary to maintain good hygiene.

Question: How should I dispose of used PPE and disinfecting wipes?

Answer: Used PPE must be thrown away in a durable trash bag that is tied shut before being thrown in a dumpster. Disinfecting wipes must be thrown away in a metal trash bin to prevent the chance of fire from alcohol-based disinfectant.

Question: Do landscapers on a Worksite need portable water for handwashing?

Answer: If two landscapers are working at Worksite they must have portable water for handwashing and carry sanitizer on their person. If only one landscaper is working at a Worksite then they are only required to carry hand sanitizer on their person.

Question: My client is working from home and would like me to do work inside their house, is this allowed?

Answer: Work inside an occupied home, other than emergency service work, may not be conducted unless approved by the Building Inspector. Emergency service work is work necessary to maintain habitability such as repairing the hot water heater. Building inspectors will authorize work in an occupied home a case by case basis.

Question: What items should I disinfect daily?

Answer: Door knobs, light switches, tools that are shared or likely to be shared, bathrooms/porta-pottys, handwashing stations, site office, storage containers/trailers, on site vehicles and equipment, delivered items, and any other item that may be touched by more than one person.

Question: Do delivery people or porta-potty service personnel count toward the two-worker limit?

Answer: Delivery drivers or a porta-potty service person are not considered workers on the site, but all efforts should be made to limit contact with them, such as not requiring the delivery driver to bring materials into a building but rather just unload them at the site and then leave.

Question: Can I modify the Back to Work forms?

Answer: No, you must use the forms in the Back to Work Phase 1 – References & Resources so inspectors are looking at the same forms at each project. Workers are encouraged to carry their own pen or pencil for completing the sign in/sign out sheet.

Question: I want to catch up on the time lost at my site, are there limits on the hours we can work or on the use of interior or exterior lighting for nighttime work?

Answer Working hours and lighting are not covered by the guidelines but may be regulated by other town bylaws. You should check the rules of the town and any special permit conditions regarding limitations.

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- 32,000
- 46 beats
- 1700 state wide

Green light
For next
phase