

Spring Start Up Checklist for Landscape Contractors

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- Wear the proper safety gear for each step, including gloves and coveralls for debris removal and safety glasses when working with chemicals.
- Clean up debris and foliage from the winter season.
- Prep your tools, including sharpen blades, calibrate spreaders and clean off tools, as needed.
- Overseed bare spots.
- Apply pre-emergent herbicide for turfgrass and landscape beds once the soil temperature hits 55 degrees Fahrenheit for 3-4 days.
- Apply post-emergent herbicide for broadleaf weeds, if they have already germinated and sprouted in the turf.
- Fertilize ornamentals, plants and turf. For turfgrass, use a high nitrogen, "green up" fertilizer.
- Check and update the irrigation controller, including the settings, battery and sensors.
- Check sprinkler heads and drip lines. Remove any dirt or debris and clean the filters.
- Adjust the sprinklers for proper coverage, if needed.
- Inspect the valves closely to ensure proper function and no leakage.
- Replace any broken or worn components of the irrigation system, including nozzles, valves and pipes.

Truck Inventory Checklist

Safety Gear

- Safety glasses
- Masks (dust & respirator)
- Gloves
- Coveralls
- Safety vests

Landscaping Supplies

- Pruners
- Rakes
- Gloves
- Trash bags and squares
- EMPRO spreader
- Seed
- Square head shovels
- Sprayer
- Pre-emergent control
- Ornamental fertilizer/
plant spikes
- Mineral or organic fertilizer
- Slow-release fertilizer
- 3-way broadleaf post-emergent

Irrigation Supplies

- 9-volt batteries
- Add-on sensors
- Volt meter
- Replacement heads
- Nozzles
- Swing joints
- Risers
- Rolls of swing pipe
- Valves
- Cement
- Pipe cutter
- Pipe
- Fittings
- Stub wrench
- Slip fixes and couplings
- Staking flags
- Pressure gauge
- Pressure regulators
- Pitot tube
- Pressure gauge adapter for
spray heads
- Audit kit
- Replacement valves
- Valve repair kits
- Solenoids
- Diaphragm
- Gel-filled wire nuts
- Teflon tape

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