



Greetings Prospective RINLA Member:

We would like to introduce you to the Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association, (RINLA), a statewide association made up of dedicated professionals including Arborists, Garden Centers, Nurseries, Landscape Maintenance Personnel, Landscape Contractors, Landscape Architects and Designers, Irrigation Installers, Greenhouse Growers and related Green Industry Professionals.

Our association offers many benefits:

- Educational meetings, functions and trade shows that offer technical training and pesticide credit. Educational opportunities through regional and national associations, including New England Nursery Association (NENA), New England Grows! and the American Nursery & Landscape Association (ANLA). Networking with industry professionals.
- In-house certification and training education throughout the year, including Pesticide Applicator Certification. The Rhode Island Certified Horticulturist (RI-CH) certification is now reciprocal with all of the other New England states.
- Recycling & Mulch programs
- Direct link to federal, state and local legislative issues. You will automatically become a Lighthouse Partner with the American Nursery & Landscape Association.
- Close ties with the URI Plant Science Department, which provides training and up-to-date information on current issues and trends pertinent to the green industry.
- Involvement with the Horticultural Research Institute, which awards research grants for study of current horticultural and nursery issues.
- Administration of available health coverage with Rhode Island Blue Cross/Blue Shield and United Health. Also, life and estate planning.
- Scholarships for college-bound students of members and their employees.
- Statewide recognition of outstanding landscape construction and maintenance projects judged by peers within the industry.
- Web visibility for your business through our public Web site www.rinla.org

In addition, RINLA membership offers identifying decals and plaques of our logo, which are used to convey our professional association to your customers. We use them to show our pride and commitment to our role in furthering the advancement of the nursery and landscape industry.

For a nominal membership investment, you can join the hundreds of others in the industry who have already taken advantage of the many benefits RINLA has to offer. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 401-874-5220 or 800-758-9260.

Also, visit us on our Web site, www.rinla.org. The Members' side will be available to you with the password when you become a member. For now, you can visit the public side. The Web site is updated all the time.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to welcoming you into our Association.

Sincerely,

Michael Ferreira

Michael Ferreira, President 2011

Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association, Inc.

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Membership Application Instructions

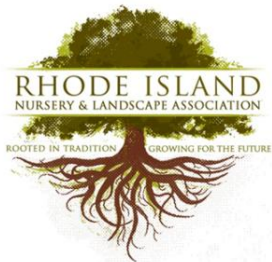
Please Print Out: 1 – RINLA Membership Application
2 – Code of Ethics with Objectives

Check List:

- Fill out the Application
- Sign the Code of Ethics
- Enclose a check for the appropriate amount per the application
- Return to the RINLA office at the address listed below

Remit to: RI Nursery & Landscape Association, Inc.
PO Box 984
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Questions: Please feel free to contact Shannon Brawley, Executive Director
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name & Title

Date

Firm Name

Address

Town, State, Zip

Business Phone Number

Website

Email Address:

Post Info to our Public Web site – Yes or No (*circle one*)

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: *Please check the appropriate membership category*

- ACTIVE:** Sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations who obtain more than half their income from growing or selling nursery or greenhouse stock, landscaping, supplying, design and other related service activities in Rhode Island and who are legal residents of the state, or whose corporation is incorporated in the state of Rhode Island. *Fee: \$200.00 Initiation and Dues. Dues will be \$150.00 every year thereafter.*
- ASSOCIATE & ALLIED:** Persons engaged in allied trades, out-of-state landscapers or nurseries and legal residents of the state of Rhode Island who obtain less than half their income in the green industry; also businesses that supply manufactured material or services to Association members. *Fee: \$175.00 Initiation and Dues. Dues will be \$125.00 every year thereafter.*
- PROFESSIONAL & AFFILIATE:** College, university or school educators and researchers, government liaisons and members of the media who have evidenced a desire to be affiliated with RINLA and who would like to keep up-to-date with the on-goings of the Association. *Fee: \$70.00 Initiation and Dues. Dues will be \$50.00 every year thereafter.*
- STUDENT:** Any student enrolled in a high school or full-time collegiate horticultural course of study, with required participation on a RINLA committee. *Fee: \$25.00 (initiation waived) and Dues. Dues will be \$25.00 every year thereafter with proof of educational enrollment.*

BUSINESS CATEGORY: *Please check off your company's business categories*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arborist | <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation Contractor/Supplier | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment – Landscape/Nursery | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architect | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail Nursery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment – Trucks/Accessories | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Sod Farm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florist | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Members & Affiliates | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Gardens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> Perennial Nursery | <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale Nursery |

LICENSES HELD IN RHODE ISLAND: *Please supply license number if applicable:*

Arborist # _____ Dealer # _____ Commercial Pesticide # _____ Landscape Architect # _____
 Contractor # _____ Nursery/Greenhouse # _____

OTHER AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS: _____

SPONSORS: Sponsors should be members in good standing of the Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association. Two sponsors are required. Do not list the two sponsors from the same Firm.

1. Firm: _____ 2. Firm: _____
 Authorized Signature: _____ Authorized Signature: _____

CODE OF ETHICS

- ◆ To be faithful and trustworthy to my vocation, by applying myself so that I deserve the reputation of quality and service.
- ◆ To be successful and demand fair profit, but not accepting profit or success while losing self-respect because of questionable methods in conducting my business.
- ◆ To remember that in establishing my business it is not necessary to criticize my competitor, but be true to myself, by being careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise thereby building my image in my industry.
- ◆ Whenever there is a doubt as to my rights or ethics, or my position in any given situation, I will resolve any doubt raised.
- ◆ True association members with a common purpose belong not because of some benefit obtained, but with the goal of developing true and useful relationships with people of common interests. Benefits are secondary to this goal.
- ◆ To always be loyal in my obligations as a citizen of my nation, of my state and my community by word, act and deed.
- ◆ We shall abide and be guided by the Federal Trade Commission, Amended Trade Practice Rules of the Nursery Industry.

OBJECTIVES

- I. The Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association strives to uphold the ideals to improve the image of the Nursery Practitioners, Landscaper Contractors, Landscape Architects, Designers and Suppliers through lawful means.
- II. Our group is one in which we make and nurture acquaintances, promote and instill the proper use of greenhouse and landscape products, advance lawful fair trade practices, and encourage cooperation of all segments of the green industry in our state.
- III. To gather and disseminate all applicable scientific and business data so that we may promote ethical business practices, reasonable competition and incorporate advances in technology and science into our businesses.
- IV. To cooperate with all governmental agencies, pertaining to legislative matters in the interest of the public and our industry and engage in all lawful activities that may enhance the efficient and economic progress of our industry.

“I understand that I must attend the Annual Meeting (winter meeting), pay yearly dues and uphold the code of ethics and Association objectives stated to retain my membership in the Rhode Island Nursery & Landscape Association, Inc. (RINLA). I agree to do this as a condition of membership. I understand that if I fail to do so, I will forfeit my initiation fee and all rights and privileges I would have obtained as a member of RINLA.”

“I have read the statements above and agree to abide by them.”

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Office Use Only : _____
(date approved)