

Lawn Care

Municipal Zoning

Be sure to contact the city, town, and county to see if you can operate the business in your chosen location. It is common for local zoning restrictions or ordinances to prevent certain types of businesses from operating in a specific area. For example, a city ordinance may not allow storage of equipment (mowers, trailers, etc.) at a home or in the front yard of a home.

Federal

- Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) - [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov)

State

- Register your LLC, LLP, or Corporation (SCSOS) - sos.sc.gov
- Business Personal Property Tax (SCDOR) - dor.sc.gov

If you are offering pesticide or fertilizer applications as a service, you will need to consider the following:

- Pesticide Business License (DPR) – [clemson.edu](https://www.clemson.edu)
- Pesticide Commercial License (DPR) – [clemson.edu](https://www.clemson.edu)
- Fertilizer Permit (DPI) – [clemson.edu](https://www.clemson.edu)

Municipal

- County Business License [more info](#)
- City Business License [more info](#)

Hiring Employees

If you are not subcontracting (1099) but will be hiring employees then you will need to do the following:

- Obtain an EIN (IRS) – [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov)
- Register w/E-Verify (report within 3 days of employment) (DHS) – [e-verify.gov](https://www.e-verify.gov)
- Register w/SC New Hire (report within 20 days after employees first day of work) (SCDSS) - [newhire.sc.gov](https://www.newhire.sc.gov)
- Register with SC Dept of Revenue for Withholding (SCDOR) – dor.sc.gov
- Register with SC Dept of Employment & Workforce for Unemployment Insurance (SCDEW) – [dew.sc.gov](https://www.dew.sc.gov)
- Order or Print employment workplace posters (LLR) – llr.state.sc.us
- Obtain Workers Compensation Insurance (if required, [click here for more info](#))

Other Considerations

- Landscaping, lawn care, or tree services are exempt from licensing with the SC Dept of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation under SC Code of Laws 40-28-210(8)

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