



Become a Water Smart Irrigation Professional

DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED!

A great new opportunity:
Water Smart Irrigation Professional (WSIP) Certification Program

Contractors: Submit your application by October 25, 2013. Space is limited!

Download application at www.horttrades.com/wsip-application

The Region of Peel and The Regional Municipality of York have partnered with Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association, in consultation with its Irrigation Sector group, to develop a Water Smart Irrigation Professional Certification Program to be piloted in 2014.

Successful applicants will be eligible to work under Peel and York Region's Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) water efficiency programs. Contractors who are working under this program will be promoted by the municipalities as "Approved Contractors" and have the opportunity to promote rebate opportunities to their clients and encourage water-efficient irrigation system repairs and upgrades.

The Water Smart Irrigation Professional (WSIP) Certification Program is envisioned as an industry-developed program intended to make water-efficient irrigation practices and irrigation system optimization the industry standard. This certification program will build on the existing Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor (CLIA) certification currently offered through Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association. The training and certification program will include:

- Opportunity to promote water efficient methodologies to clients
- Use of an Irrigation Audit Software Tool
- Municipal water efficiency program and rebate opportunity information

For each selected company, two participants will be eligible for the pilot and must include one owner/principal/partner and one irrigation contractor. The certification will be jointly held by the employer and employee. Employee certification will be non-transferable during the pilot.

Selection and approval of interested active and interim Landscape Ontario members to participate in training and certification will take place November 2013. The Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor (CLIA) certification is a prerequisite. Training in basic irrigation design or the Certified Irrigation Designer (CID) seminar is recommended but is not a pre-requisite for this course or for certification. For contractors who are not currently CLIA-certified, but would like to participate in this pilot program, completion of the CLIA certification exam will be required by December 31, 2013. Landscape Ontario is offering a Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor Prep Seminar on December 2 and 3, 2013.

Be sure to register now if you are interested in this exciting opportunity. Download the application from the link above, complete, and submit to:

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For more information on becoming a leader in your field, and to apply to participate in the pilot program, please contact Carol Chaput at carol.chaput@peelregion.ca or Sally Harvey at sharvey@landscapeontario.com.

View a list of Frequently Asked Questions at www.horttrades.com/wsip-faq