



MAMMOTH LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Post Office Box 5
3150 Main Street
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Hiring a Small Business or Contractor for Defensible Space

When deciding which Contractor to hire for your defensible space work, it is important to look at the amount of clean up needed to be in compliance. If you only have smaller trees (saplings) to be removed, or you just need to clean up some pine litter (needles and cones), consider hiring a local gardener licensed with the Town of Mammoth Lakes. By law, anyone in California who contracts for or bids on a construction project valued at \$500 or more (total labor and materials) must be licensed by the Contractors State License Board (CSLB). To qualify for a license, a contractor must verify four years of journey-level experience in the trade, pass both a trade and license law examination, and post a license bond. Since 2005, all new contractors are required to pass a background investigation that includes a criminal background check. Contractors are required, by law, to put their CSLB number in all advertisements. Unlicensed operators are required to say they are not state-licensed in their advertisements.

Business & Professions Code allows a gardener to do incidental pruning on trees less than 15 feet and for a fee of less than \$500.00 without a CSLB license.

B-General Building Contractor:

7057. (a) Except as provided in this section, a general building contractor is a contractor whose principal contracting business is in connection with any structure built, being built, or to be built, for the support, shelter, and enclosure of persons, animals, chattels, or movable property of any kind, requiring in its construction the use of at least two unrelated building trades or crafts, or to do or superintend the whole or any part thereof. This does not include anyone who merely furnishes materials or supplies under Section 7045 without fabricating them into, or consuming them in the performance of the work of the general building contractor.

(b) A general building contractor may take a prime contract or a subcontract for a framing or carpentry project. However, a general building contractor shall not take a prime contract for any project involving trades other than framing or carpentry unless the prime contract requires at least two unrelated building trades or crafts other than framing or carpentry, or unless the general building contractor holds the appropriate license classification or subcontracts with an appropriately licensed specialty contractor to perform the work. A general building contractor shall not take a subcontract involving trades other than framing or carpentry, unless the subcontract requires at least two unrelated trades or crafts other than framing or carpentry, or unless the general building contractor holds the appropriate license classification. The general building contractor may not count framing or carpentry in calculating the two unrelated trades necessary in order for the general building contractor to be able to take a prime contract or subcontract for a project involving other trades.

(c) No general building contractor shall contract for any project that includes the "C-16" Fire Protection classification as provided for in Section 7026.12 or the "C-57" Well Drilling classification as provided for in Section 13750.5 of the Water Code, unless the general building contractor holds the specialty license, or subcontracts with the appropriately licensed specialty contractor.

C-27 Landscaping Contractor:

A landscape contractor constructs, maintains, repairs, installs, or subcontracts the development of landscape systems and facilities for public and private gardens and other areas which are designed to aesthetically, architecturally, horticulturally, or functionally improve the grounds within or surrounding a structure or a tract or plot of land.

In connection therewith, a landscape contractor prepares and grads plots and areas of land for the installation of any architectural, horticultural and decorative treatment or arrangement.

D-49 Tree Service Contractor:

A tree service contractor prunes trees, removes trees, limbs, or stumps (including grinding) and engages in tree or limb guying.

Limited Timber Operator License:

California Department for Forestry and Fire Protection:

License Timber Operators or "LTOs" are persons who have been licensed under the Forest Practice Act law and are authorized to conduct forest tree cutting and removal operations. LTOs must understand and comply with all laws relating to such tree cutting or removal.

Licensed Timber Operators have two different types of licenses depending on the kind of timber operations they are authorized to conduct. Licenses which begin with the letter "A" authorize the licensee to conduct any type of operations. Those licenses which begin with the letter "B" restrict the licensee to only the removal of minor forest products such as firewood and Christmas trees.

The following have Business Licenses with the Town of Mammoth Lakes, but do not have CSLB licenses.

Experience Stein Time

P.O. Box 8112
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
(760) 937-3223
TOML License 192

Mammoth King Garden & Landscape

P.O. Box 8941
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
(760) 924-3681
TOML License 2960

For tree trimming and removal jobs where the tree is 15 feet or higher and the job is more than \$500.00, the contractor must be state licensed. The following have Business Licenses with the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and at least one class of CSLB license.

H D Lehmann Inc

P.O. Box 541
West Linn, OR 97068

| Classification | Description |
|----------------|------------------------|
| C-27 | Landscaping Contractor |

(760) 275-8268
(760) 934-5656
TOML License 1576
Contractor’s License # 446221

Mono Works

P.O. Box 69

| Classification | Description |
|----------------|------------------------|
| C-27 | Landscaping Contractor |

Lee Vining, CA 93541
(760) 647-6418
TOML License 3253
Contractor’s License # 743527 & 75576

Phil Watts Landscaping

P.O. Box 9080
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

| Classification | Description |
|----------------|------------------------|
| C-27 | Landscaping Contractor |

(760) 935-4854

TOML License 3994

Contractor's License # 771397

Evergreen Landscape

P.O. Box 3424

Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

| Classification | Description |
|----------------|------------------------|
| C-27 | Landscaping Contractor |

(760) 934-4793

TOML License

Contractor's License # 860408

CD Construction

| Classification | Description |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| B | General Building Contractor |

Juan & Alpha Castellanos

Juan: (760) 937-5550

Office: (760) 935-4373

TOML License 3834

Contractor's License # 798641

| Classification | Description |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| B | General Building Contractor |
| C-27 | Landscaping Contractor |

Bravo Gardens

(760) 934-4501

TOML License 2419

Contractor's License # 683874

Grays Grasshopper, Inc.

| Classification | Description |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| D-49 | Tree Service Contractor |

James Gray
760-382-1975
jamesjgray2111@gmail.com
TOML License 5659
Contractor's License # 994426

Skyline Tree Service

| Classification | Description |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| D-49 | Tree Service Contractor |
| WE-9537AT | Certified Arborist |
| ISA | Tree Risk Assessment Qualified |

Michael McLaughlin
760-709-6893
skylinearborist@hotmail.com
TOML License 5812
Contractor's License # 976309
www.skylinearborist.com

Eastern Sierra Tree Service

| Classification | Description |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| B | General Building Contractor |
| D-49 | Tree Service Contractor |
| B | Limited Timber Operator |

(760) 934-6142
Email: info@easternsierratree.com
TOML License 4065
General Bldg. Contractor # 814516
Limited Timber Operator # B9680

G C Forest Products Inc

| Classification | Description |
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| B | General Building Contractor |
| A | Limited Timber Operator |

(760) 934-7392

TOML License 216

General Bldg Contractor # 780052

Limited Timber Operator # A9393

Villar Construction INC.

| Classification | Description |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| A | General Engineering |
| B | Limited Timber Operator |

(760) 934-2114

TOML License 4523

Contractor's License # 541619

Limited Timber Operator # B10367

High Mountain Arborist

| Classification | Description |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| C-27 | Landscaping contractor |
| D-49 | Tree Service Contractor |
| WE-11471A | Certified Arborist |

(760) 919-2022

TOML License 7853

Contractor's License # 1015945

Inyo Mono Tree Pro

| Classification | Description |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| D-49 | Tree Service Contractor |
| WE-9552A | Certified Arborist |

(760) 937-3238

Inyomonotreepro@gmail.com

TOML License 8339

The Town of Mammoth Lakes and The Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District would like to remind you that hiring an improper or unlicensed contractor may leave the home or business owner responsible for injury and damage to persons, property and contractor's employees.

- *Homeowner insurance may not cover damage or injury to persons or property if an improperly licensed contractor is hired.*
- *Before you hire any contractor check with the California State Licensing Board for proper licensing classifications at:*
<https://www2.cslb.ca.gov/OnlineServices/CheckLicenseII/CheckLicense.aspx>
- *This list is provided to you for information only. Neither the Town of Mammoth Lakes nor The Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District endorses one business over another.*

