



## *Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association*

*P.O. Box 984, West Kingston, Rhode Island 02892 tel. 401.874.5220*

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, Irrigation Installers, Greenhouse Growers and related Green Industry Professionals.

Our association offers many benefits:

- In house certification and training education throughout the year. When you become a Rhode Island Certified Horticulturist, it is now reciprocal with all of the other New England States.
- Annual education meetings, functions and trade shows that offer technical training and pesticide credit.
- Networking of Industry Professionals.
- 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 of 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.
- 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 thru our public website [WWW.RINLA.ORG](http://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 customer. We use them to show our pride and commitment toward our role in the furthering of 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.

Also, visit us on our Web Site, [www.rinla.com](http://www.rinla.com). 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 currently being updated all the time.

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

Sincerely,

*Gene Cook*, RINLA President

**Membership Application Instructions**  
(while our online application process is being renovated)

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

**Check List:** O - Fill out the Application  
O – Sign the Code of Ethics  
O – Enclose a check for the appropriate amount per the application  
O – Return to the RINLA Executive Director at the address listed below

**Remit to:** RI Nursery and Landscape Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 984  
West Kingston, RI 02892

**Questions:** Please feel free to contact Shannon Brawley, Executive Director  
Telephone: 401.874.5220  
E-mail: [executivedirector@rinla.org](mailto:executivedirector@rinla.org)

**Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association, Inc.**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Applicant Name & Title			Date
Firm Name			
Address		E-mail Address	
City	State	Zip	Website
			Yes or No (circle one)
Business Phone Number	Fax Number	Post info to our Public Website	

**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 of nursery or greenhouse stock, landscaping, supplying, 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:** 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. Fee: \$175 Initiation and Dues \$125.00. Dues will be \$125.00 every year thereafter.
- PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATE:** college, university or school educators, government liaisons, members of the media, retired owners or employees related to the green industry, who have evidenced a desire to be affiliated with R.I.N.L.A. and who would like to keep up-to-date with the on-goings of the Association. Fee: \$50.00

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

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Arborist                       | Landscape Construction     | Perennial Nursery     |
| Equipment – Landscape/Nursery  | Landscape Design           | Professional Services |
| Equipment - Trucks/Accessories | Landscape Lighting         | Retail Nursery        |
| Florists                       | Landscape Maintenance      | Sod Farm              |
| Garden Center                  | Landscape Supplies         | Water Gardens         |
| Irrigation Contractor/Supplier | Nursery Supplies           | Wholesale Nursery     |
| Landscape Architect            | Other Members & Affiliates |                       |

**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 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

- The Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association strive to uphold the ideals to improve the image of the Nursery Practitioners, Landscapers, Landscape Architects and Suppliers, through lawful means.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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) and take part in an initiation ceremony to retain my membership in the R.I.N.L.A. 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 the R.I.N.L.A.”

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use Only : \_\_\_\_\_ (date approved)

