

## Corona Virus Update from your Local Sales Centers

Dear Valued Customer,

As many of you know, Bay Area counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, & Sonoma) have enacted more stringent ordinances in response to COVID-19 that directly impacts our industry. We at Horizon would like to take a moment to help you better understand this new mandate and what it means to your business.

Routine landscaping, gardening and other commercial outdoor services that provide general upkeep are deemed not essential and are not permitted. However, there are several services your company provides that help maintain health and sanitation at homes and businesses and are considered essential. In addition, while most residential and commercial construction has been prohibited, construction on shelters and temporary housing, public works projects designated as essential by the lead governmental agency, and construction necessary to secure an existing construction site is deemed essential.

Some examples of work you can continue include:

### **Activities to Reduce Fire & Flooding**

- Brush removal and weed abatement
- Erosion control
- Drainage installation/repair

### **Road Safety**

- Maintaining growth along curbs and medians in order to ensure visibility
- Keeping public and private pathways free from obstruction and potential hazard
- Removing fallen trees and mitigating overhead hazards from wind effects

### **Overall Health and Safety**

- Pesticide application to reduce transmission of dangerous diseases (mosquitoes, ticks, etc.)
- Maintain potential safety issues such as overgrown hedges and bushes that impair visibility to street or walkways
- Maintaining overgrown brush that attracts disease-infested rats and mice
- Finish jobs with open trenches that pose potential dangers

I am including a few tools for you, including links to the ordinance for each county and tools to help you communicate with clients and the general public. I'm also including the National Association's recommendations for keeping your crews safe.

More than anything, I want to reassure that Horizon is here for you during this difficult time. If there is anything we can do to support you while dealing with local towns or cities please don't hesitate to call or email.

Stay safe!

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Links to County Ordinances:

[Alameda County](#)

[Contra Costa County](#)

[Marin County](#)

[San Francisco County](#)

[San Mateo County](#)

[Santa Clara County](#)

[Sonoma County](#)