



## Interior Plantscaping – General Safety Tips

This card provides employers with an overview of some of the key measures for keeping employees safe during interior plantscaping projects.

- Ensure employees understand the importance of carefully handling water so they don't create slip hazards.
- Provide—and ensure employees wear—all necessary personal protective equipment (PPE), including the PPE required according to labels of chemicals they handle.
- Identify potential hazards in a safety meeting at the beginning of each day, and talk with crew members about how to avoid accidents.
- Ensure a fully charged fire extinguisher is near every work area.
- To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, prohibit use of internal-combustion-engine-powered equipment or tools, indoors or in poorly ventilated areas.
- Make sure ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are used with all electrical equipment. Instruct employees to test portable GFCIs before each use.
- Designate someone to inspect all extension and equipment cords for defects each day before use.
- Keep safety data sheets (SDSs) for the chemicals employees use on hand at all times.
- Do not allow application of any pesticide not labeled for indoor plants or interiorscapes.
- Make sure water and an area where workers can wash themselves in the event of chemical splashes are located in close proximity to spaces where chemicals are handled.
- Instruct employees in selecting the appropriate pruning tool for the job and in properly maintaining these tools.
- Supply ladders that comply with OSHA standards and ensure employees follow instructions on each ladder and are trained in ladder safety.
- Assign crew leaders the responsibility of making sure employees place trash, packaging, and debris in proper receptacles throughout shifts.
- Teach employees to properly secure and store any equipment, chemicals, or materials that will be left at the site.
- Communicate your schedule and any potential safety issues to the client.



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