



## Hire an FNGLA Certified Landscape Professional

- ❖ *Quality Standards*
- ❖ *Professional Service*
- ❖ *Knowledgeable Bidding*
- ❖ *Here Today...Here Tomorrow*

Although many individuals call themselves landscape professionals, only a select few have earned the distinction of certification through the Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association (FNGLA). The rigors involved in obtaining these voluntary industry certifications preclude most landscape professionals.

FNGLA urges government agencies, landscape architects and homeowners to take advantage of professional, voluntarily-certified landscape professionals for their installations, designs and maintenance. Certification through FNGLA provides a means to identify qualified landscape professionals.

FNGLA administers four distinct landscape certifications:

**FNGLA Certified Landscape Contractor (FCLC)** is the only standard in Florida for measuring the knowledge and expertise of practicing landscape contractors. Owners and managers in contracting firms, with a minimum of three years' experience, are eligible to participate in the program. Applicants must first successfully complete the FNGLA Certified Horticulture Professional (FCHP) and Landscape Technician (FCLT) exams.

**FNGLA Certified Landscape Technician (FCLT)** is a hands-on field exam designed to be a truly practical exam. It can be used as an employee training and recognition program. Those eligible to sit for the FCLT exam must have a minimum of one year experience.

**FNGLA Certified Landscape Maintenance Technician (FCLMT)** is a hands-on field exam focused on best management practices for the landscape maintenance industry. Those eligible to sit for the FCLMT exam must have a minimum of one year experience. It is also recommended that they hold a valid driver's license, pesticide license and have completed either the Best Management Practices (BMP) course for the FNGLA Certified Horticulture Professional (FCHP) exam.

**FNGLA Certified Landscape Designer (FCLD)** offers a professional designation for Landscape Designers who complete a rigorous exam process. This all-encompassing exam requires a demonstration of proficiency in design theory and application, as well as a plan submittal. Applicants must first successfully complete the FNGLA Certified Horticulture Professional (FCHP) exam.

Exam sections are as follows:

**FCLT FIELD** • plant ID • plan layout • tree planting • tree staking & pruning • grading & drainage • palm banding • instrument operation • irrigation operation & repair • equipment operation • retaining wall construction/hardscapes

**FCLMT FIELD** • plant ID • integrated pest management • fertilization • quality control/site evaluation • irrigation maintenance & repair • turf management • pruning • vehicle safety & operation

**FCLC WRITTEN** • Business Management, Project Management, Accounting, Laws, Estimating.

**FCLD WRITTEN** • Plant ID, Selection, Placement, and Protection, Sustainable Practices, Design, Business Management, Project Management, Codes & Laws.

When selecting a landscape professional, hire quality. Be sure to specify an FNGLA Certified Landscape Contractor, Technician, Maintenance Technician or Designer. For more information, contact the Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association, 1533 Park Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32835 800-375-3642 \* 407-295-7994 \* fax: 407-295-1619 \* [mmott@fn gla.org](mailto:mmott@fn gla.org) \* [adibella@fn gla.org](mailto:adibella@fn gla.org)

Get a list of currently certified landscape professionals at [www.fn gla.org](http://www.fn gla.org)

*FNGLA Certified Landscape Contractor, Technician, Maintenance Technician and Designer are voluntary programs administered by the Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association (FNGLA). FNGLA represents Florida's \$15.2 billion nursery and landscape industry.*