

## **Water Smart Irrigation Professional Certification Program Pilot Program Application**

The Region of Peel and The Regional Municipality of York, in partnership with Landscape Ontario, are pleased to offer a new certification program for irrigation professionals. This program will build on the Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor (CLIA) certification currently offered through Landscape Ontario.

The certification program will be split into two parts: in-class and field components. Participants will learn about the new tools and techniques used to optimize irrigation systems for minimum water usage and prime performance. Participants will also be trained on, and have access to, new smart technology that will reduce the time and effort needed for irrigation audits. Participants who successfully complete the Water Smart Irrigation Program will have free access to the selected technology through the program.

For each participating company, two participants will be eligible for the pilot and should include one owner/principle/partner and one irrigation contractor. The certification will be jointly held by the employer and employee. Employee certification will be non-transferable during the pilot.

After completion of the certification program, each selected company will be required to conduct irrigation audits using the new methodology learned in the program, with a minimum of five of their industrial, commercial or institutional (ICI) clients in the Region of Peel or York Region. At a minimum, one audit of each participant following successful completion of the exam will be proctored by Landscape Ontario as a component of certification. Rebate opportunities will be available if irrigation systems are optimized as a result of each audit.

The goal of this pilot program is to transform the irrigation market, making efficient irrigation practices standard in the industry.

Benefits of taking part in this certification program include:

- Being seen as a leader in your field
- Participants who successfully complete the course will be certified as a “Water Smart Irrigation Professional” and be listed on the Region of Peel and York Region’s websites
- Continuing education credits (CEUs) through Landscape Ontario
- Creating new business opportunities
- Cost of the program will be covered by the Region of Peel and York Region to those selected for the program through this application process

- Participants who complete the course will receive free access to the smart irrigation audit tool for use with the five pilot irrigation audits
- Rebate opportunities will be available if irrigation systems are optimized as a result of the five pilot audits
- Applicants will be required to have access to an iPad or iPad Mini tablet for use throughout training, certification and on-site auditing

A total of 10 companies (10 owners/principles/partners and 10 irrigation contractors) will be selected to take part in the program from the applications received. Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- The applicant holds an active or interim membership with Landscape Ontario
- The applicant is currently CLIA certified or is in the process of being CLIA certified (\*CLIA exam must be written prior to December 31, 2013)
- The applicant, or the applicant's organization, currently has a minimum of five industrial, commercial or institutional (ICI) clients in the Region of Peel and/or York Region that would be willing to take part in the pilot irrigation optimization incentive program in the spring/summer 2014
- The applicant, or the applicant's organization, must meet minimum industry standard insurance requirements
- A completed application form

Note: Depending on interest expressed in the program and the number of applications received, an interview may also be required as part of the application process. Companies selected to participate in the program will be notified in November 2013.

**Please submit this application on or before October 15, 2013.**

Submit to: Attention: Water Smart Irrigation Training  
 c/o Sally Harvey  
 Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association  
 7856 Fifth Line South, Milton, ON L9T 2X8  
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Or by email to [sharvey@landscapeontario.com](mailto:sharvey@landscapeontario.com)

For more information, please contact Sally Harvey at 905-875-1805 ext. 315.

# Water Smart Irrigation Professional Certification Program Application Form

## Company Information

Company Name:	
Name of Owner/Principle/Partner:	
Street Address:	
City:	
Postal Code:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Company Website:	

## Applicant Information

Name of Owner/Principle/Partner	Email	Valid CLIA Certification?*	Membership with Landscape Ontario?	Membership with Irrigation Association?
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name of Irrigation Contractor	Email	Valid CLIA Certification?*	Membership with Landscape Ontario?	Membership with Irrigation Association?
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

*\*If no, applicant is required to pass the CLIA exam prior to December 31, 2013 and complete all CLIA course requirements prior to April 30, 2014. Proof of each will be required in order to qualify for the Water Smart Irrigation Professional program.*



**How many audits do you anticipate being able to complete within the Region of Peel or York Region during the 2014 season?**

*Minimum of five independent ICI facility audits per accepted company will be required.*

	Number of Audits
Region of Peel	
York Region	

In order to measure the success of the pilot program, the Region of Peel and York Region will be surveying and/or holding focus group sessions with participating ICI customers and participating irrigation contractors.

**Your feedback is important to us. Are you willing to work with the municipalities to provide feedback following the 2014 season?**

Yes     No

I certify that the statements and information in this application form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I authorize Landscape Ontario, the Region of Peel and York Region to investigate all statements or other information contained in this application form.

I agree that should I fail to complete the certification or the five required ICI facility audits per participant company during the pilot year that I may be required to reimburse Landscape Ontario between 50-100 per cent of all applicable course fees which are covered by the Region of Peel and York Region for the pilot year. I commit to the return of all applicable materials provided to me for use during the pilot year (certification manuals, etc.) to Landscape Ontario at the conclusion of the pilot or upon my withdrawal from the pilot program.

I understand that failure to meet the aforementioned requirements will void my certification and access to the irrigation assessment tool.

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Signature of Owner/Principle/Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Irrigation Contractor Applicant 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_