

# HB313: Landscaper Certification Amendments

## Why This Is Important

HB313 updates continuing education requirements for licensed landscape contractors in Utah to better reflect the changing landscapes in our state.

These changes ensure that landscape professionals are equipped with up-to-date, Utah-specific knowledge that protects our limited water resources, reduces wildfire risk, and helps communities build landscapes that are safer, more resilient, and more sustainable.

During each two-year license renewal period, contractors will complete two hours total of required training in *water conservation landscaping principles* and *fire risk management landscaping principles* including:

- Understanding water scarcity in Utah
- Selecting drought tolerant plants that are native to this state
- Efficient irrigation design
- Soil amendment techniques for soil retention
- Designing a landscape to prevent the spread of fire
- Incorporating rocks, concrete, and other materials to prevent the spread of fire

