What is the Rhode Island Nursery & Landscape Association?

The Rhode Island Nursery & Landscape Association, which represents a $2.5 billion industry in Rhode Island, is one of the leading voices throughout the state for green industry.

RINLA’s nearly six hundred green industry members include wholesale and retail nurseries, garden centers, landscape contractors, arborists, masons, landscape architects, landscape designers, green engineers, compost/mulch manufacturers, fruit/vegetable growers, suppliers and allied businesses.

RINLA members are professionals who take pride in their work and uphold the highest standards in horticulture, environmental practices and land stewardship. RINLA is also dedicated to the development and implementation of programs that provide skilled and licensed workers and contribute to the well-being of Rhode Island’s communities and environment.

Why should I become a member?

As a member of RINLA, you and your company will enjoy the advantages of our many services and activities. Our office is staffed full time during business hours and we take seriously our role as advocates for your business. RINLA’s mission is to serve your interests in government relations, education and training, promotions and public relations, professional certifications, networking, research, and much more.

Join RINLA today!

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The top 10 reasons to join RINLA

1 Increase Awareness of Your Business
RINLA's website has current information on member businesses, making it easy for potential customers to find you and learn what your company does. Our Facebook page is another "public face" of our organization.

2 Increase Awareness of the Profession
RINLA'S website offers information on the organization – its history, its activities and its vision for the future. Also, RINLA provides and participates in a variety of venues throughout the year (RI Home Show, RI Ag Day, etc.) where member business can interface with the public.

3 Protect the Environment
RINLA businesses are at the forefront of efforts to increase awareness about landscape stewardship practices. The association’s members continue to explore new territory in sustainable agriculture and livable communities.

4 Professional Certifications and Continuing Education
The Rhode Island Certified Horticulturist program (RICH) promotes the highest ethical standards, increased professional skills and continuing education in horticultural knowledge and practices. RINLA also offers opportunities to earn continuing education credits for RICH recertification, state pesticide applicator and other licensing.

5 Networking Opportunities
RINLA members have many opportunities to meet and network with peers and allied professionals at RINLA-sponsored events including monthly Twilight Meetings held at member businesses to highlight new and important topics that matter to your business success; also, at the annual Winter Meeting & Expo, and other seminars and meetings.

6 National and Local Outreach
RINLA is a member of both AmericanHort (a consolidation of the American Nursery & Landscape Association and OFA, the Association of Horticultural Professionals) and the National Association of Landscape Professionals (formerly PLANET) which focus on federal legislation and national issues to build a more informed and proactive industry.

On the local level, RINLA is Rhode Island’s green industry voice in legislative and regulatory issues providing testimony regarding matters affecting the green industry in Rhode Island. RINLA representatives meet with state and local legislators to address current and future legislation relating to green industry and member businesses.

7 Workforce Development
RINLA is working to develop a plan for pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship and a 2-year degree program training pathway, leading to job placement and career opportunities. This program will assist students and future employees in training for careers in the landscape industry and provide member companies with trained, skilled workers.

8 Newsletter & Social Media
Keep up-to-date on RINLA members and events, and read articles on topics of interest to the green industry in the quarterly newsletter. You will also receive email blasts and Facebook postings on RINLA news and activities.

9 90+ Years of Horticultural Tradition
Since 1919, RINLA has been dedicated to promoting the highest professional standards (horticulture, licenses, certification, insurance, etc.) and also provides our members many ways to further develop their professional skills and network with other green industry professionals.

10 Staying Relevant and at the Cutting Edge
RINLA members will continue to play a vital and integral role in a sustainable Rhode Island addressing issues of nutrient management, water use and restrictions, business taxation, right to farm, invasive species, seasonal employees, and more.

Join the most influential organization for promoting and supporting green industry professionals in Rhode Island.

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