

## STATEMENT ON USE of PLANET CERTIFICATION INITIALS

Individuals who earn professional designations from the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) are eligible to use the program's initials in conjunction with their proper name after successful completion of category requirements.

Appropriate letters should be positioned after the designee's name on the same line separated by a comma. The customary practice is to only use initials or it may appear as the complete title.

John Smith, CLP  
or  
John Smith, Certified Landscape Professional

Examples of where such letter designations (or credentialing marks) may be applied include but are not limited to: business cards, stationery, letterheads, addresses, correspondence, invitations, announcements, advertisements, signage, resumes, articles, books, and other publications.

Individuals who earn more than one PLANET designation are to order the initials after their name thusly: CLP, CLT, COLP, CTP, CTP-CSL. The order in which the certifications are earned is not the order they are listed.

### **Example**

Bill Jones earned his COLP designation in 2002 to become Bill Jones, COLP.

He completed the CLT in 2004 to become Bill Jones, CLT, COLP.

In 2006, the CLP was achieved and his signature became Bill Jones, CLP, CLT, COLP.

Certified individuals are also eligible to use the PLANET certification logos. Each designation has a separate logo. The logos are posted on the PLANET website with a guide for their usage. The URL address is given to newly certified individuals in their congratulations packet.

The logo files can be requested directly from PLANET by filling out an on-line request found at <http://www.landcarenetwork.org/cms/certification/logos.html>

To keep the certification active and in good standing requires annual reporting of education and industry service. The report is done on a calendar year basis and is due by 12/31 of each year. Anyone not in compliance is considered "inactive" and should cease using the initials and certification logos until back in active status..

PLANET makes every effort to ensure that individuals who are not certified do not inappropriately use these initials or logos. If you become aware of someone misrepresenting themselves as PLANET certified, please report that to PLANET at 800.395.2522.

For further clarification on usage, contact PLANET at [certification@landcarenetwork.org](mailto:certification@landcarenetwork.org).