



Dear Minnesota Lumber Dealers & Suppliers:

Over the last hour, the Association has received numerous phone calls re: Governor Walz's "Stay at Home MN" Order and the impact it may (or may not) have on residential remodeling and construction. As a follow-up, NLA would like to offer the following information and/or clarification:

Important Information

Northwestern Lumber Association is a close partner with many of the Builders Associations, Builders Exchanges and other industry group around the state. Over the last 2 weeks, all have been working diligently to ensure that construction is deemed "essential" in the case of a state shutdown. All of these groups have been sharing resources and information during these unprecedented times.

The previous email you received denoted that lumber dealers and suppliers as well as residential remodelers & builders were deemed "essential" per Governor Walz's order.

Comments regarding contractors were based upon information and legal review shared by our industry partners.

Per the [Department of Homeland Security's Guidance](#) - this is 100% true for lumber and building material dealers and suppliers.

However...

There is now confusion surrounding Minnesota's order and contractors.

The state has posted on its [website](#) a list of essential and non-essential businesses. Per [the document](#), Residential Construction & Non-Residential Construction are listed as "non" essential. Again, lumber and building material dealers and suppliers ARE listed as essential.

This obviously poses an issue and one that we will continue to work on with our industry partners throughout the evening and the remainder of the week. We will work to seek greater clarification so that you may relay information to your contractor customers.

We do request your patience as we work to help our industry colleagues.

MOVING FORWARD

At this time, NLA would advise all dealers and suppliers in Minnesota not to give "official" direction to your contractor base until further clarification is made available.

We understand that they are anxious and concerned and we are working together to help them.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work through this fluid situation.

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