TOP DEDUCTIONS

for Landscaping Businesses



Advertising & promotion

- marketing
- Promotional materials
- Website

Auto or Truck expenses

- Mileage method
- Actual coat method
- Parking & Tolls
- Bank fees
- Business licenses & permits
- Charitable contributions
- Donations to a Business Organization

Cost of goods sold

- Materials
- Labor
- Inventory

Depreciation

Dues & subscriptions

Education expenses

- Books & reference materials
- Workshops & trainings
- Equipment purchases
- Equipment rental
- Insurance
- Interest expenses
- leasehold improvements
- Meals-but not entertainment
- Merchant processing fees
- Impairment related expenses
- Licenses and regulatory fees
- Penalties and fines you pay for late performance or nonperformance of a contract.

Legal & Professional fees

- Tax Preparer
- Bookkeeper
- Accountant
- Lawyer

Repairs and maintenance to real or tangible personal property.

Office expenses

- Equipment
- Software & online services
- Supplies
- Repayments of income

Subscriptions to trade or professional publications.

- NALP-Association
- ALCA-Association
- Rent/Lease payments
- Salaries & benefits
- Supplies and materials
- Subcontractors
- Telephone & communication

EXPENSES YOU CANNOT DEDUCT

You usually cannot deduct the following as business expenses. For more information, see Pub. 535.

- Bribes and kickbacks.
- Charitable contributions.
- Demolition expenses or losses.
- Dues to business, social, athletic, luncheon, sporting, airline, and hotel clubs.
- Entertainment expenses.
- Improvements to real or tangible personal property. Improvements are amounts paid for betterments to your property, restorations of your property, or work that adapts your property to a new or different use.

- Lobbying expenses.
- Penalties and fines you pay to a governmental agency or instrumentality because you broke the law.
- Personal, living, and family expenses.
- Political contributions.
- Settlements or payments related to sexual harass-ment or sexual abuse if such settlement or payment is subject to a nondisclosure agreement. You also can-not deduct attorney fees related to such settlement or payment.