



Advocacy Day at the Capitol

March 7, 2007, Columbus, OH



Join industry peers for a grassroots day at the statehouse on March 7, 2007! You have a unique opportunity to connect with fellow nursery and landscape professionals and meet with your local state representatives to discuss important issues affecting you and Ohio's green industry. You'll be able to participate in legislative sessions and committee meetings on bills that may influence your business.

What will happen at Advocacy Day?

We'll begin the day with a continental breakfast at 9:00 a.m. in the Judicial Room of the Hyatt on Capitol Square, 75 East State Street, Columbus, Ohio (directly across from the State Capitol). We'll follow breakfast with a "Briefing Session" beginning at 10:00 a.m. During this morning session, we will hear from Dan and Belinda Jones of Capitol Consulting Group, Inc. (the ONLA's and OLA's Legislative Consulting firm). Dan and Belinda will explain the basics of how bills become laws, teach you how to effectively communicate with your legislator, and discuss issues that are before the General Assembly that may impact the nursery and landscape industry.

Following the "Briefing Session," we'll serve a lunch and will be joined by a speaker from the Ohio Legislature.

After lunch, we'll move to the Capitol Building where we'll attend a session of the Ohio House or the Ohio Senate. This is a unique opportunity to actually watch and listen as our legislators shape the future of our industry.

During the afternoon, each attendee will go to a prescheduled meeting with his or her legislator. You'll have the chance to discuss your views and opinions with your elected officials. Capitol Consulting Group will provide you with a packet of materials to leave with your legislator. **This is where grassroots advocacy makes an impact! This is your opportunity to voice your opinion and to help educate our legislators about our industry and your business!**

Following afternoon sessions and meetings, we'll adjourn to a Legislative Reception in the Statehouse "Crypt" (in the basement). Here, you'll have another chance to mingle with your peers and legislators. We'll provide ample hors d'oeuvres and a full bar from 5:00 -7:00 p.m.

Registration

Registration for this event is \$99 per registrant. This fee includes lunch, all materials, and the reception. As this is *not* a PAC event, we can accept individual or company checks, or credit card payment. Please fill out the reverse side of this registration form and return it to the ONLA office **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 21, 2007**. (This deadline is set to allow time to schedule appointments with legislators.)

