

SELECTING A VENDOR/CONTRACTOR

INQUIRE BEFORE YOU HIRE!



The property owner is liable for clean-up costs and fines associated with service vendor or maintenance contractor activities that cause pollutants to enter the storm water system.

Ensure your vendor/contractor uses storm water quality Best Management Practices (BMPs) when performing work on your property.

TIPS:

Get Informed

- Review the BMPs in this Toolkit when performing certain property maintenance activities.
- Ask potential vendors/contractors to provide references. Contact these references to inquire about their use of BMPs.

Ask Vendors/Contractors:

- Will any chemicals be used? How will you handle a spill?
- How will the area be cleaned up after the job is done? (e.g., hose down, sweep up, use a leaf blower, etc.)
- How will you dispose of the waste materials you produce?

Put it in Writing

- Share the guidance provided in this Toolkit with your vendor/contractor.
- If possible, include requirements for the use of storm water quality BMPs in service contracts.



Storm drain water flows untreated into our streams and ocean.

Water that is discolored, has been in contact with chemicals, dust, or other pollutants, or has an odor may NOT enter the street or storm drain.

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CITY FINES FOR UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGES CAN BE UP TO \$25,000 PER VIOLATION, PER DAY.

