

ECO-FRIENDLY GUIDE TO HIRING A

Professional

for Pest Control and Maintenance

to reduce the chemical
exposure to people and the
environment, ask for pest control
services that are natural, organic,
or least toxic.

did you know....

*Fertilizers and pesticides can be washed away by rainwater to pollute creeks or groundwater.

*Landscape chemicals are commonly found in springs and watersways.

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Your Service Professional Should...

Communicate the following to you before work starts

- *What the problem is and how it will be treated
- *How long the treatment period will take
- *What results can be expected
- *What is guaranteed and what is not
- *Whether products used present any hazards to people or pets

Your Service Professional Should...

- *Begin with a thorough inspection to identify the source of the problem
- *Offer replacement alternatives for poorly placed or disease prone plants
- *Use physical pest controls such as traps and barriers when possible
- *Use biological pest controls
- *Never apply chemical spays to prevent infestations

Pest Control Tips...

- *With monthly service contracts, make sure that pests are monitored regularly but treated only when there is a problem
- *Be wary of pest management professionals who seem anxious to sell a treatment that you didn't know you needed ask for proof of the problem first
- *Do your part by following pest control company recommendations about cleanup, home repairs or others steps to prevent future pest problems
- *Be patient sometimes when less toxic pest controls are used, pests will die back gradually
- *Shop value, not price; what appears to be a bargain may need a second look

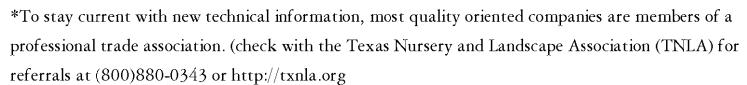
When Selecting a Professional, You Should...

- *Ask how long they have been in business
- *Ask for references, then follow up by calling referrals
- *Ask about licences

Your Service Professional Should....

Maintain All Necessary Licenses

- *The state of Texas requires licenses for:
- -Applying pest and weed control chemicals
- -Installing or repairing irrigation systems
- *The state of Texas does not require licenses for:
- -Mowing
- -Tree pruning





100% Organic on left/chemically treated on the right













100% Organic Lawn