



# Questions to ask your invasive species contractor

*Finding the right contractor for your project can be challenging. Asking some of the questions below can help you to find the right contractor for your project.*

- Do you have prior experience with this type of project?
- How long have you worked on invasive species control?
- What is your educational background?
- Do you have any certifications or special training? (arborist, pesticide applicator, etc.)
- If so, what is your certification number?
- Are you insured, and if so, can I have a copy of your proof of insurance?
- What method of control will you use? (type of herbicide and application method, cutting, pulling, etc )
- What impact will invasive treatment have on the native vegetation currently on site?
- How will you dispose of woody debris? (pile it on site, take off site, etc)
- Do you have experience controlling "X" species? (some species are more difficult to control than others)
- Will you just control the species in question, or will you also scout/control any additional invasives onsite?
- What is your timeline for removing the invasive species? (Some species may require multiple treatments over several years.)
- What are your fees and what services do you provide?
- What is your hourly rate?
- How much do you charge to give an estimate?
- Do you require a deposit? If so, how much?
- How do you manage scheduling?
- Who will be my contact person during the project?
- Can you provide me with references from previous clients?
- What guarantees can you give me?
- Will you provide a written contract?