

FALL E-NEWSLETTER

Know When to Go Pro

Advice for Hiring Landscape & Pest Control Professionals

Don't have the time or equipment to safely manage your pest problem yourself? Then it's time to hire a pest control service to do the job for you! To effectively manage large or ongoing pest problems, licensed professionals have specialized equipment, pesticides, and technical training to get the job done. A landscape or pest control professional who practices Integrated Pest Management (IPM) methods and stays up to date on the latest information can provide you with the safest and most effective management strategies.



Here's what to do before you hire a landscape or pest control professional:

- **Consider your options** – Inquire with pest control companies about their methods and policies to see what option best suits your needs and pest problem.
- **Check certifications** – Make sure the company has the required licenses, registration, certificates, and insurance. Verify the [status of a pest control company's license here](#).
- **Ask about Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** – IPM is an eco-friendly and effective method of pest control. Before hiring, check if your pest control or landscaping professional practices IPM. Three programs that certify and list pest control companies that provide IPM services are [EcoWise](#), [GreenPro](#), and [Green Shield](#).



LEARN MORE!

Visit [Our Water, Our World](#) or the [UC Integrated Pest Management Program](#) for more information about hiring a professional pest control or landscaping company.

Dispose of Pesticides Like a Pro

Do you have any unused pesticides (liquid or solid) around your home that you no longer need? These items must be disposed of properly so that they do not harm you or the environment. Any leftover pesticides must be taken to your local household hazardous waste facility. You may only dispose of empty, unrinsed pesticide containers in the trash.



Your local household hazardous waste facility is the San Joaquin County Household Hazardous Waste Consolidation Facility (7850 R. A. Bridgeford Street, Stockton, CA 95206). This facility is open to the public, free of charge on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 9 AM – 3 PM. For more information, call the County Solid Waste Office at (209) 468-3066 or visit their website:

<https://www.sjgov.org/departments/pwk/solid-waste/san-joaquin-county-solid-waste-facilities/san-joaquin-county-household-hazardous-waste-facility>



Go Green with Green Waste

Whether you decide to maintain your own yard or choose to hire a landscaper, it's important to know how to properly dispose of yard waste to prevent plant material (e.g., leaves, branches, and trimmings) from clogging local storm drain systems.

Wondering what to do with your leaves and other yard waste this fall? Visit [here](#).

For more information about how Mountain House Community Services District is working toward improving local water quality, visit [here](#).