

1. Verify that the quality of maintenance being proposed is the same.



Pay careful attention to these phrases:

- if needed
- if necessary
- if applicable
- as needed.

Replacing filter fabric, replacing the absorbent pillow and addressing repairs are items that should be done every time a structure is cleaned, not a decision left up to a crew the day of.

Make sure that the proposal does not state "up to a specific amount of CF (cubic feet) of total material."

The crew should continue to clean until the maintenance is complete.

2. Know what percentage of clogging each vendor deems maintenance necessary

Storm drain maintenance is not an exact science. There are many different factors when considering if maintenance is required, suggested, or not needed. Understanding the inspection report and being educated on your options is important in understanding the immediate needs and long-term needs. Vendors can, and sometimes do use different criteria.

Understanding criteria is critical when assessing price, current maintenance and suggested future maintenance.



3. Verify that the information provided by each vendor is accurate and consistent to avoid any discrepancies or confusion later on.

Bubblers and catch basins look similar but function very differently. Culverts and headwalls are not interchangeable terms. Make sure that care has been taken to correctly identify your storm water structures.



It's Best to Ask Your Vendors For Clarification When Any of These Points Don't Match

Good To Know

Is tax being charged? MRRA

There is no tax on maintenance, repairs, replacement and/or alterations to existing components. Tax is charged when an installation of a drainage system is being done.

Can you meet your budget?

Work can be prioritized to meet your budget.

There is a difference between required maintenance and suggested maintenance.

Prioritizing the required and suggested maintenance and creating a plan can help with budgeting.

