

Suggested Questions When Seeking a Gorse Removal Contractor

Unsure what questions to ask a prospective Gorse Contractor... here are some important questions to ask and/or request be included with a cost estimate:

1. Do you do mechanical gorse removal only or are you licensed to do herbicide applications for gorse regrowth? *Ask if licensed for Mechanical work (contractors Board) Herbicide (ODA Pesticide applicators license and category types).*
2. What experience do you have in controlling large stands of gorse (if that is your situation)?
3. What type of equipment do you have at your disposal?
Example responses:
 - Skid Steer with mulching head (grinds down gorse onsite and leaves in place)
 - Large or small Excavator (for plucking entire gorse plants out)
 - Excavator with mulching head (grinds down gorse onsite and leaves in place)
4. What slope limitations do your pieces of equipment have?
5. How many employees would be on-site to complete this job?
6. Will you be taking any gorse off-site? Are you aware of Best Management Practices in how to not spread gorse during transport?
7. Have you attended any of the Gorse Action Group training workshops?
8. References: can you provide the names and phone numbers of 2 previous gorse-control clients?