

Live Oak Landscape Services

Ask and Compare!

	LOLS	Other
EXPERTISE: Live Oak Landscape Services (LOLS) has a special staff for research and development of new technologies, provides horticultural training, licensing and certification to employees, and assures a depth of knowledge (throughout all levels) you will not find anywhere else.	*	
QUALITY: How does your maintenance contractor ensure the highest, uncompromised standards? See who has the lowest supervisor-to-employee ratio. Find out if employees' promotions and bonuses depend on quality inspections. How frequent are they? Ask!	*	
QUICK RESPONSE: How long does it take to get what you want done? Can you call day or night and get an instant response to an emergency? Will your maintenance contractor mobilize to meet your special needs and requests right away?	*	
SAFETY: Are you protected against liability? See if you're getting uncompromised standards for safe applications and disposal of chemicals, fertilizers and pesticides, as well as proactive elimination of hazards to workers or your public.	*	
PRICING: Check for hidden costs. If the landscape maintenance cost is low, how much will you pay for the extras? Does your proposal include irrigation? Flower planting? Fertilizers? (How often?) Pest control? Growth retardants for cost control? How much supervision? Reduction of your water bill? Reducing the replacement cost of your plants? What are the real costs overall?	*	
CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT: Government regulations are getting tighter. Verify that mowers recycle clippings, that chemicals and fertilizers are properly applied, and that there is no pollution of ground water.	*	
DEPENDABLE SCHEDULING: Is there enough equipment and manpower to handle even the largest jobs – on schedule? Equipment breakdowns and delays are just not something you should have to worry about.	*	
EMPLOYEE TURNOVER: You want more than a contract. You want a relationship. Does the company keep and motivate their employees?	*	
YOUR TIME: How much time do you have to spend supervising your landscape contractor? Could they do more so you don't have to?	*	
ONE VENDOR OR SEVERAL: Exterior landscape management, interior maintenance, arbor care, water management services...can you get it all done with a single contract?	*	
COMMUNICATION: Are you the one who has to spot problems and point them out? Does your landscape maintenance contractor present a monthly report and solution <u>before</u> the problems become yours?	*	
TECHNOLOGY: Compare diagnostic capabilities and labor-saving equipment.	*	
YEARS OF STABILITY: Compare how long the company has been in service. You want to be sure they'll be there to fulfill your expectations.	*	
SECURITY: Check for clean uniforms and well-marked vehicles. They help you identify who is on your property and maintain an image of professionalism.	*	
REPUTATION: We had to be good to get the one we have! We have to guarantee our work to keep it.	*	