

Bin Whip Service

Decision Checklist

Use this checklist before requesting a bin whip cleaning quote. Walk your facility, check the boxes that apply, and bring this with you when speaking to a service provider. It will save you time and help you get an accurate, apples-to-apples quote.

STEP 1: IDENTIFY THE FLOW PROBLEM YOU'RE SEEING

Check all that apply. Multiple problems often exist in the same bin.

- Bridging** - Material is hung up above the discharge; nothing flows out
- Ratholing** - Only a narrow center channel flows; walls stay coated
- Caking** - Hard layer compacted on the sidewalls reducing capacity
- Plugging** - Complete blockage at the exit; production has stopped
- Funneling / Doming** - Crusted top with hollow space underneath

STEP 2: DOCUMENT YOUR BIN AND MATERIAL

Bin/silo number or name

Type of material stored

Bin diameter and height

Material condition (dry/moist/caked)

Approximate material volume

Food-grade or industrial

Last cleaned (date)

Access points (top, side, bottom)

STEP 3: SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE CHECK

- Lockout/tagout procedures are documented for this bin
- All entry equipment has been inspected within the last 12 months
- An Emergency Action Plan is in place for confined-space work
- Adjacent operations can be safely shut down or isolated during service
- Insurance carrier has been notified (if required by your policy)

STEP 4: QUESTIONS TO ASK ANY SERVICE PROVIDER

A reputable provider will answer all of these clearly. Walk away if they can't.

- Are your operators Confined Space Certified?
- Do you use pneumatic, hydraulic, or both? Which fits my application?
- Will any of your personnel need to enter the bin?
- What is your process if a bin drill is required (for plugged bins)?
- How long will the job take based on my bin size and material condition?
- What is your safety record and insurance coverage?
- Can you provide references from facilities similar to mine?
- Do you offer a maintenance plan to prevent recurring buildup?
- What happens to the material you remove? Is it salvageable?
- What is the total cost, and what could change it once you're on site?

STEP 5: COMPARE YOUR QUOTES

CRITERIA	PROVIDER A	PROVIDER B
Company name	_____	_____
Quoted price	_____	_____
Estimated duration	_____	_____
Confined Space Certified?	_____	_____
Equipment type (pneumatic/hydraulic)	_____	_____
Includes inspection / verification	_____	_____
Maintenance plan offered	_____	_____

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