

2021 Joint Purchase

TO: Town/City Managers, Selectmen, and Road Commissioners
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KVCOG is pleased to inform you that once again we are offering cooperative purchasing opportunities to KVCOG member towns. As in past years, we will be selecting items that have proven to offer substantial savings through a joint purchase. We estimate that every year, we can save our members over \$60,000 in price reductions.

Items for purchase include:

- **Weight Limit Posting Signs**
- **Bump Signs**
- **“Maine Land Use Laws “ 2019 edition (2021 available later in the year)**
- **Home Composting Equipment**
- **Flake Calcium Chloride for dust control**
- **Culverts (galvanized, aluminized, and plastic)**
- **Geotextile: erosion control mat and silt fencing**
- **Road Salt**

How it Works:

- Signs (weight limit, bump), Maine Land Use Laws books, and composting equipment are stocked by KVCOG and may be purchased at any time. Contact Kate Raymond, Membership Coordinator, for signs or law books at kraymond@kvkog.org or (207) 453-4258 ext. 211, or Gabe Gauvin, Environmental Planner, for Composting Equipment at ggauvin@kvkog.org or (207) 453-4258 ext. 220.
- KVCOG solicits bids for Calcium Chloride, culverts, geotextiles, and Road Salt in early spring.
* KVCOG's role is to aggregate volumes, set specifications, and solicit vendors' bids. The actual purchase, including quantities, delivery arrangements, and quality control, is controlled by the town.
*Please see the 2021 Joint Purchase Calendar for exact dates of these purchases.
- Member towns will receive notification of opening of the bid window according to the 2021 Joint Purchase Calendar. Towns will receive a physical form to return, or there is also an opportunity for electronic submission. KVCOG summarizes the information returned and sends it out to qualified vendors.
- Once the low bid is selected, participating towns will be provided the price and contact information of the company who has won the bid. Your town is then responsible for arranging the purchase. In some cases, we also provide you with information on quality control.

FEEDBACK: If you are not satisfied with the service you get from the vendor, please let us know. Although we have no control over how the vendor operates, if we receive multiple unresolved complaints, we can disqualify the vendor from future participation.

This program is a benefit for KVCOG members only. Our administrative costs are covered using your membership dues. If you have any questions about the operation of the program, or suggestions for future purchases, please contact us at the information above.