

Before You Hire a Contractor

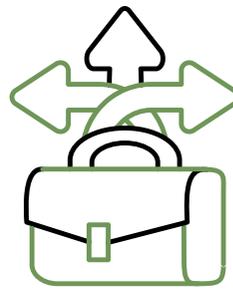
1 SCOPE OF WORK



Create a scope of work, and know what your job includes.

Identify contractors that can complete your project.

2 GET MULTIPLE QUOTES



Make sure each contractor understands the scope.

Verify that the contractors are licensed and insured.

4 DO YOUR RESEARCH!



Check contractor references, permit history, and online reviews.

Check with the city, your HOA, and other agencies about requirements for the project.

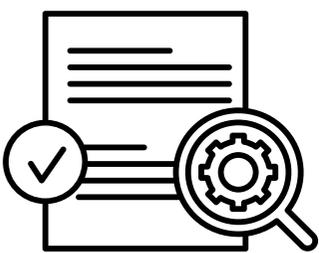
3 GET IT IN WRITING



Request detailed quotes including material, labor, and permitting costs.

Obtain at least 3 quotes to compare pricing and timing, prices should include permit fees.

5 CLARIFY JOB DETAILS



Discuss payment structure and work timelines.

Get every detail in writing before work starts.

6 FINAL CHECK



Don't make the final payment until the work has been inspected and permits are closed.

WATCH OUT FOR...

- ✗ Door - to- door offers
- ✗ Pressuring you to sign quickly
- ✗ Willingness to work without permit
- ✗ Large upfront payments or deposits
- ✗ Request for full payment before completion
- ✗ Unmarked vehicles, or no business address