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Finding The Right Contractor

1. Contact your local building department to get a list of qualified contractors registered in your city.
2. Get at least three estimates to compare and give you an idea of the cost.
3. Make sure every bid is in writing and gives you the scope of the work to be performed, the materials to be used. Make sure the estimate includes cleanup and hauling away debris.
4. Talk to the contractor about his company and the job they will be doing for you.

Comparing Bids

1. Lowest isn't always best. If one bid is significantly lower than the others, chances are the materials aren't the same quality, the scope of the work to be performed is different or the work isn't the same quality.
2. Ask for references. Call them and go look at the job.
3. Ask for suppliers references. Make sure the contractor is in good standing.

The Contract

1. Insist on a written contract that gives you the estimate price, the scope of the work and materials to be used.
2. The contract should have the Company Name, address and phone number. A post office box should not be acceptable.
3. Make sure you understand how payment is to be made. Try to pay for the job upon completion. If you are required to give a down payment, make sure it is as low as possible, never more than one-third. You should never pay for a job in full before the work is completed.
4. Make sure the contractor has liability insurance and workers compensation by call the state Bureau of Workers Compensation at 1-800-644-6292 or going to phobic.com. Click on "Ohio Employers" then click on "Coverage look up."
5. Read the contract closely before you sign. This allows you to ask questions if you do not understand some part of the contract. Negotiate anything that you disagree with. Any written changes should be clearly marked and have both yours and the contractor's initials.
6. You have three business days to cancel a contract, including Saturday, under both state and federal law.
7. Always keep a copy of the signed contract for your files.
8. Don't let work start until the permit is posted at your home.
9. If you have questions or concerns that arise during the work, don't hesitate to raise them.

Before You Pay

1. The work should be inspected by the city building department. If you cannot be there for the inspection, ask for documentation.
2. Get copies of all warranties.
3. Get a statement that all subcontractors have been paid in full. This will protect you from having a lien filed on your property by an unpaid sub.