

Tips on selecting a contractor continued...

- Insist on a physical address and phone number that you can verify.
- Get contractor recommendations from homeowners, friends, and relatives in your area that have had similar work completed.
- Find out if the contractor is a member of the local builder's association or has a good reputation with the local housing and/or redevelopment authority in your municipality or county.
- Call the contractor's references, look at online resources, and check the Better Business Bureau to ensure the company is in good standing.
- Get several estimates. Compare prices and contractors' solutions to your home's issues. In addition, you may want to ask for to-scale drawings to help make their work proposal clear.

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