

Top 5

Things You Need to Know Before Hiring a Roofer



Choosing a roofing contractor can be stressful and overwhelming. Finding someone you can trust to get the job done right — and on time — the first time (all while still being affordable) isn't an easy task. Not to mention... if you're a new homeowner or have never needed a new roof before, it's hard to know what questions you should be asking.

You deserve to make a big purchase like this with confidence. To help you do that, here are 5 things you should think about before you sign on that dotted line.

1 Only hire a licensed roofing contractor

Most states require roofing contractors to be licensed in that state in order to work, but codes and requirements will differ between states, which means it will help you to understand the code requirements for your area. This way you know you're working with a roofer who will comply with your state's codes. Knowing whether they're licensed and whether that license is up to date will give you legal recourse in the event that something goes wrong with the work, too.

2 Check to see if they offer an upgraded warranty

Most manufacturers offer extended warranties that can include up to full replacement costs for the roof in the event of a manufacturer defect and in some cases these warranties even cover workmanship defects. These warranties can only be offered by contractors that are certified by the manufacturer. These warranties protect the homeowner for the life of the roof and can be transferred upon the sale of the home. Ask your contractor if they are certified by the manufacturer of the shingle they are offering and if their estimate includes the upgraded warranty.

3 Get a written estimate

A detailed estimate provided in writing is a homeowner's best friend. Before you sign or agree to anything, make sure you have a detailed estimate for the job. You'll want to know the cost of removing the old roof, adding the new roof, materials, and anything else that may come up during the process. There should be no surprise costs when the work is done.

4 Ask about cleanup

Replacing a roof produces a lot of refuse from shingles, old plywood, nails, drip edge, and other parts of the job. Your roofer should supply their own container to the job site to dispose of the refuse so you don't have to deal with the trash once the job is over.

5 Ask if their team is made up of employees or subcontractors

Many contractors try to cut corners by subcontracting the roof work. This helps them avoid paying workers compensation and other overhead costs associated with having employees. In many cases these subcontracted crews do not carry workers compensation which could leave the homeowner responsible if someone were to get hurt. Ask your contractor for proof of workers compensation insurance that covers their roofing crews.

Hire a roofing company you trust and leave your roof worries behind.

You don't have to feel overwhelmed when it comes to getting a new roof for your home. We're committed to providing high-quality roofing services that give homeowners the peace of mind they deserve.

If you need roof work done, our team will be happy to help you. [**Contact us today!**](#)