



Choosing The Right Roofing Contractor

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Is your roof beyond repair? Is it time to reroof? Don't know where to start? Buying a new roof is an important investment. Before you spend your money, spend time learning how to evaluate professional roofing contractors.

The following guidelines should be followed to select the right professional:

- Permanent Place of Business - Verify that your contractor is well established with a permanent address, telephone number, tax identification number, and the appropriate business licenses.
- Financial Stability - Have your contractor supply you with current financial information, including references from banking institutions and suppliers.
- Committed to Continuing Education - Choose a company that is committed to continually educating its work force. Ask the contractor what types of training he provides to his employees and what industry programs they have attended.
- Insured and Committed to Safety - Ask the contractor for proof of insurance. Get a copy of the insurance certificate that verifies workers compensation coverage and general liability coverage and make sure the coverage is in effect through the duration of the project.
- Licensed and Bonded - Check with Florida's Department of Professional Regulation and verify that your contractor has the appropriate licensing. Further, some local municipalities require additional licensing. Also verify your company's bonding capability. Not all roofing contractors have the financial strength to be bondable.
- Knowledge of Roof Systems - A professional roofing contractor should be familiar with different types of roof systems, and should be able to recommend different options to you based upon your buildings existing conditions, type of construction, code requirements, and budget needs.
- Application Expertise - Have your contractor list the roofing manufacturers that he is approved with to install their systems. All manufacturers require a history of successful installations in order to achieve and maintain the approved applicator status required to offer extended warranties.
- Warranties - There are two types of warranties usually available, a contractors warranty that covers the initial workmanship, and a manufacturers warranty that covers materials defects and long term workmanship.
- A Professional Maintenance Program - Professional contractors will offer periodic roof inspections throughout the year. These inspections will help insure that the roof is performing as expected and complies with the manufacturers warranty requirements.

This checklist will insure that the contractor that you are considering meets industry standards, and will go a long way towards the successful completion of your reroofing project on time and on budget.

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