

# Hire a Roofing Contractor with Confidence



**The right roof starts with a reliable roofer.**

- Use this simple checklist to prepare for finding, comparing and choosing the best roofing contractor for your project
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# Checklist for Choosing the Right Roofer

## 1) Identify local roofers to consider

- Ask your family, friends and neighbors for references
- Check local forums and social media pages
- Do an online search for local roofers

## 2) Verify their qualifications

- Ensure they are licenced if required in your state
- Verify the company has liability insurance and worker's compensation coverage
- Read online reviews and ratings
- Check their website and social media for photos of completed projects

## 3) Ask questions on the phone

- How many years of experience do you have?
- Are you certified by any roofing manufacturers?
- What levels of warranties do you offer?
- When can you come to look at my roof?
- How quickly can the project be completed?
- Can you provide references?

## 4) Request and compare estimates

- Meet with at least 3 contractors and ask for estimates in writing
- Ensure estimates are itemized and outline all steps of the project (e.g. labor, materials, permit fees, prep, clean up, disposal)
- Estimate should also include:
  - Recommended materials (e.g. shingles, underlayment, ventilation)
  - Payment terms and schedule
  - Warranties

## 5) Other tips to keep in mind

- Communication is important and is a good indication of the service you can expect
- Keep records of everything - meetings, estimates, contracts, payments - which will be helpful in the event of a dispute
- Potential red flags include:
  - Estimate is significantly lower than others
  - Uses high pressure sales tactics
  - Requests full payment upfront or before job is completed

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