

# Hiring a Deck Contractor



## Get Recommendations:

- Ask family and friends
- Visit a local lumberyard
- Visit product websites to see a list of their preferred or certified contractors

## Check your local Better Business Bureau for company ratings

## Check Angie's List for customer ratings and reviews

## Do your research:

- Is the contractor licensed to do the work you are requesting?
- Does the contractor obtain a permit (if needed) prior to starting on your project?
- Is the contractor registered with the state?
- Does the contractor specialize in the type of project you are seeking?
- Does the contractor have insurance?
- Can the contractor provide you with a list of previous customers for references?

## Get a Bid & Put It In Writing:

- Is the contractor providing you with a complete estimate that includes the full scope of your project:
  - Materials to be used
  - Specific work to be performed
  - Permit Fees
  - Price & Payment Terms
- Make sure your contract details every step of the project
- Does the contractor allow changes to be made even after the contract has been signed?

**BE SURE TO CONSIDER ALL OF THESE POINTS  
BEFORE HIRING A CONTRACTOR**