

Your Must-Have Checklist For Hiring and Working with a Roofing Contractor

Hiring a roofing contractor can be a daunting task – unless you have a step-by-step plan for success. We want your project to go as smoothly as possible – and we’re here if you’d like us to show you how Alco checks off every item with you during every project.

Here are the things to do to ensure that your roofing project goes as smoothly as possible.

Before You Hire Your Contractor:

- Plan your project carefully. Consider everything that is potentially involved so there are few surprises. Be aware of how your contractor will have to access your roof; consider whether they’ll need access to your attic or crawl space; assess plants, trees and shrubs that may be in danger during the project.
- Interview several qualified registered contractors/remodelers and solicit written bids. Get more than one bid – this will allow you to see what’s standard in the industry, as well as see who’s over- or under-charging you. Ensure that the contractors give you quotes AFTER visiting your property, discussing the parameters of your project, and developing a full understanding of what you want.
- Check to ensure that your contractor has the appropriate insurance to cover themselves, you and your property should an accident occur.
- Check out the contractor records with other consumer protection organizations. (i.e. Better Business Bureau, www.AngiesList.com)
- Check for warning signs of a scam or fake contractor. If they ask you for the entire payment up front, refuse to give written estimates, or don’t make their appointment times, you should look elsewhere.
- Ask for references and then check them out. Many people don’t bother to call or check up on references – even if those references can warn you against bad contractors.

Hiring tips

- Find out about liens and how they impact you. You’re making a big investment and you need to ensure that you’re protected.
- Try to anticipate problems and inconveniences. Discuss the “worst-case scenarios” with your contractor.



- Obtain a written contract. Ensure that it outlines in detail the project scope, timeline for completion, and financial arrangements.

Monitoring

- Make frequent inspections of the work and stay in communication with your contractor. If it's a multi-day job, discuss progress with them at the end of each day.
- Do not make a final payment for work that hasn't been finished. The final payment should only be made once you're completely satisfied with the completed roof.
- Put in writing any changes to your original agreement. This includes project scope, additional materials requirements, changes in timeline, and of course the financial arrangements.

Closing the deal

- Ensure that you are 100% satisfied with the work completed before you pay the final payment.
- If an inspection is required for legal, real estate, or other reasons, have the inspection completed before final payment is made.

It's important to do your research and ensure that the contractor you hire is the best one for the job.

And we'd like the opportunity to show you what "the best" looks like

All you have to do is fill out the form at <http://www.alcoproductsinc.com/contact/> and we'll schedule your No-Hassle, No-Obligation consultation and estimate on your project.

We'll come to your home, review your needs, and let you know how we can help you (we're usually in-and-out within an hour!) Contact us to discover the Alco difference and why we're the best choice to install or repair your roof.

