

4 Things to Ask Your Roofing Contractor



When you think of exciting home projects your mind may not immediately go to getting a new roof. It's one of those necessary projects that you don't spend a whole lot of a time thinking about. However, you'll think about it constantly when and if you ever find yourself with a roof issue. A high-quality, properly installed roof is essential in keeping your family safe and your home dry and while it may not always feel like the most thrilling investment, it's well worth the money. As valuable as a good sturdy roof is, it depends upon two factors: good materials, and a good contractor. But with so many options, how do you find the roofing contractor that is right for you?

Here are some important questions that you should ask before hiring someone to install or repair your roof:

1. Are You Licensed And Insured?

This may seem like a given, but is nonetheless a critically important question to ask of anyone who does work of any kind on your property. Roofing contractors have particularly dangerous jobs as they are required to do all of their work standing on the pitch of your roof which is always at least one story off the ground. And while their teams perform this same job day in and day out, it's not impossible that they might have an accident from time to time. When a roofing contractor has an accident on your property and they're not carrying their own insurance the claim will affect your homeowners insurance. Avoid this issue altogether by asking ahead of time and even requesting to see the supporting insurance documents. Also, in the state of Florida roofing contractors are required to apply for a roofing license which means that they take a test and pass a criminal background test. It may feel awkward to ask these questions up front, but in the long run you'll be glad that you did.

2. Will You Work With My Insurance Company?

Summertime in Florida can be some of the busiest months of the year for roofing contractors. Many homes sustain minor and even serious damage during hurricane season leaving reputable local roofing contractors with lots of work to keep them busy. During this time, there is much communication between homeowners, their insurance companies, and their roofers to ensure that



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all of the right steps are being taken. Wouldn't it be great if you could hire a roofing contractor who can communicate directly with your insurance company and act as an advocate on your behalf? There are companies, like Sheegog Contracting for example, who regularly use this practice to streamline communication and make sure that the client gets exactly what they need. As you look around for someone to repair your roof or install a new one, remember to ask whether or not they have experience working directly with insurance companies on their clients behalf.

3. How Much Experience Do You Have?

Whether repairing your existing roof or installing a new one, you want to be sure that your roofing contractor isn't new to the job. You want to hire someone who has seen and done it all when it comes to roofing. If your potential contractor says he's been in business for about a year, it should lead you to ask a whole lot more questions. How many houses have you worked on? Have you ever installed this kind of roof? Have you ever made this significant of a repair? When choosing the best company to install your new roof, you absolutely want to know that they know how to complete the job properly and have plenty of prior experience.

4. Where Can I Read Reviews?

We cannot stress enough how critical it is to hire an experienced roofing contractor who you know you can trust. You can scan Google's search results for dozens of local companies who all claim to meet your needs, but the only way to get the whole story is to look to someone who has hired them before. Just as you would provide references when applying for a job, it's reasonable for you to look for reviews on any contractor you let onto your property. Commit to doing your due diligence before signing any contracts by reading reviews on the company's Google and Facebook profiles.

Remember that you are hiring a roofing contractor to protect your family and your assets from the elements. If at first you feel awkward asking these questions, remember that it is your house that is at stake. At Sheegog, we always use the very best materials and value transparency and customer service because we believe that our job as roofing contractors is to exceed our clients expectations. If your roof has existing damage or if it's lifespan is about to expire, give us a call today and we'll gladly answer all these questions and more.