

Five Questions to Ask Before Hiring a Windows Contractor

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Are your windows showing signs of aging? Do you have high electric bills every month? If so, it's likely time to replace your windows. You lose up to 40% of your home's heating and cooling through windows alone, so replacing home windows can not only beautify your home and increase its value but also enable you to save money in the long-run. Even so, it's important to choose a windows contractor with care. Here are five questions you should ask any contractor before signing on the dotted line.

Are You Licensed, Accredited, and Insured?

Installing windows is not a simple job. You'll want to make sure ***the contractors handling the window installation job are licensed and accredited to ensure the job will be done right the first time.*** It's also important to make sure the company has insurance. If an accident happens during the installation process and the workmen don't have insurance, you could be held liable for medical bills.

How Energy-Efficient Are Your Windows?

Are your windows rated by Earth Wise and/or Energy Star? These voluntary rating programs ensure the windows you purchase aren't just good looking but also eco-friendly and energy-efficient.

How Long Will the Windows Last? Do You Offer a Warranty?

Windows won't last forever, but good ones can last up to twenty years or even more. Avoid the time and expense of regular window repair and replacement by purchasing windows made with high-quality materials and using a high standard of workmanship. ***Aluminum and vinyl are great material options as they can easily withstand high temperatures.***

Furthermore, a good window contractor will offer long-term warranties on all his or her products. The warranty should include not only the window itself but also the installation work.

What Windows Do You Recommend for My Home, and Why?

As a homeowner, you probably have a clear idea of what you want your new windows to look like. Nonetheless, it's a good idea to ask the contractor what windows he or she would recommend and why. ***A professional recommendation can not only help you save money but also ensure your new windows are the best option for your particular type of home.***

If a contractor recommends windows that you weren't considering, ask why the recommendation is being made. Dishonest contractors will naturally want to boost their profits at your expense; an honest contractor will be able to offer valid reasons why a particular type of windows may look good, increase the home's energy-efficiency levels, etc.

Can You Offer Referrals?

What do past clients have to say about a particular contractor? Research online and ask the contractor for referrals. Companies that do good work will have plenty of satisfied clients to sing their praises.

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