

Tips for Client when Selecting a Handyman

1. Before reaching out to a handyman, outline the details of your project that will include what your expectations are for that project and when you would like it to be completed. Providing this information to the handyman company will help them create a more accurate estimate for you.
 - a. SOMETHING TO CONSIDER: A small deposit may be necessary to purchase custom or non-custom materials.
 - i. NOTE: A handyman can perform minor, non-structural repairs and general maintenance.
 - b. Ensure the Handyman Company is Active on SunBiz.org website to ensure legitimacy of company and protection for client.
2. Ensure that a handyman company is necessary for the project you are needed performed. Decide whether or not a permit may be required for this project and will require a qualified contractor to complete the project.
 - a. NOTE: A handyman is given guidelines through the State of Florida on project they may or may not perform on within a home or building.
 - i. A handyman cannot not do any electrical work what so ever.
 - ii. A handyman cannot perform major plumbing repairs or adjust the sloping of a plumbing drain line.
 - iii. A handyman cannot build a structure without following the FL building codes and inspection process, therefore, requiring a permit for build.
 1. A homeowner can pull a permit, BUT then the homeowner takes all liability when/if the handyman does not perform the project task(s) correctly.
 - b. It always in the best interest as a client to gather at least 3 estimates for your project to ensure you are hiring the company that meets all your project expectations.
3. Ask the handyman company how their projects/jobs are priced. Some handyman contractors charge jobs per hour or some will quote a flat per project price.
4. Discuss the material needed to complete the work and make sure you know who is responsible for providing these materials.
 - a. If the handyman provides materials for you then a pick-up fee may be added to cost.
5. Are you planning on selling your home? Then contact a handyman or refer to your real estate agent to make any small updates that could make your home stand out from or with others on the market.
6. If your home needs any modifications then a handyman with the right qualifications can help.