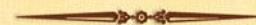


Do You Need A Home Service?

Six ways to help you find the right person for the job



Finding the right company – or the right person – to help maintain and care for a home can seem a daunting task, especially so if one has recently relocated.

While it goes without saying to hire someone who is licensed, insured, and bonded, the question is how does one locate a trusted company providing quality service?

Here are six simple ways to help ensure the person you hire is the right person for the job.

1. Community Associations

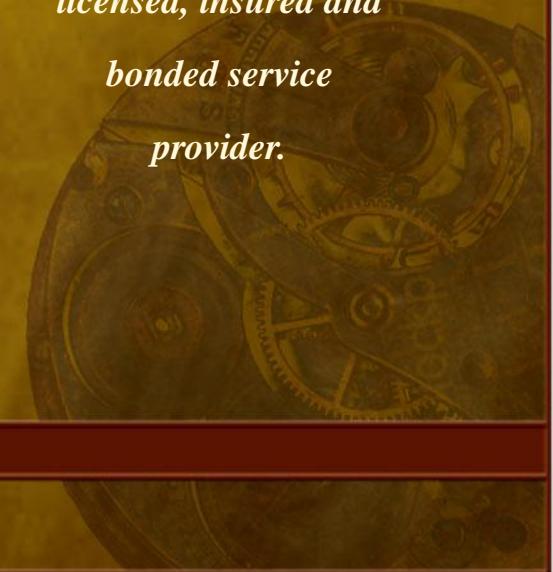
Ask your community representative. Most communities maintain a list of Preferred Vendors – individuals and companies screened for licensure, insurance, and bonding. Typically, companies providing poor service are removed from the list.

2. Better Business Bureau

Not all companies join the BBB. Only the ones that welcome feedback from customers will do so. The Naples-area BBB is at: <http://westflorida.bbb.org>.



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Ensure Quality



3. Angie's List

This is a fast growing resource with reviews from people just like you.

Membership costs vary, but a review of Angie's List reveals Naples-area memberships cost less than \$10.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.angieslist.com>.

Protect your investment

4. Friends and Neighbors

If new to a community, this is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors. Whom do they use?

5. Local Licensing and Business Registration

Any business operating anywhere in Collier County, even inside city limits of Naples, Marco Island or Everglades City, must be registered.

To check for compliance, visit:

<http://www.colliertax.com/taxsearch.html>.

6. State Licensing and Business Registration

In addition to local licensing or registration, many skills will need state licensing. At the least, a business must be registered with the state.

Compliance can be confirmed by visiting:

<http://www.sunbiz.org>.

Avoid Hassles



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