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Guide to Hiring a Landscaping Contractor

Hiring any contractor to work on your home can be a difficult process. This process involves not only choosing the company you want to work with but also the determining the details regarding the project.

Hiring a landscape contractor can also be a difficult process. In essence, you are choosing who you trust to install plants which will contribute to the beauty of your yard, solve a problem in your yard, enhance the exterior of your home, or perhaps all three of these items.

Here are a few questions you may want to ask your potential landscape contractor:

1. What is the scope of your business?
2. How long have you been in business?
3. Are you a member of any professional organizations?
4. What is your educational background?
5. Do you have any professional certifications?
6. Do you have insurance?
7. When can you start the job?
8. How long will it take?
9. When is payment expected?
10. Are the work and the plants guaranteed?
11. Are you familiar with the covenants and restrictions of this area?
12. Are you registered to do business in this city?
13. Where do you purchase your plants from?
14. Who and how many people will do the work at my home?
15. Will you (the person that you are talking to) be on site while the work is being performed?
16. Do you have any references that I can contact regarding the quality of your work?
17. What are the specific details regarding the cost of my project?
18. What makes you different from your competition?
19. What type of equipment will be involved in this project?
20. What are my responsibilities as this project progresses?

Professional contractors should be able to answer the questions listed above. Being thorough in the initial interview process should minimize problems as the job progresses. A strong line of communication with the landscape contractor is important as well. There will always be questions and concerns as the job progresses. As long as you have good communication with the landscaper, most things should be able to be worked out.

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