



How To Select The Right Contractor For Your Outdoor Living Space

Whether you're selecting a porch, patio, sunroom, or deck contractor, choosing the right person is the most important step you will take in securing the project of your dreams. Here's how to ensure that you make the best possible decision.

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THINK LOCAL

Choose a company with a positive reputation in your area. Porch, sunroom, patio and deck contractors in your area will be aware of the local building codes, terrain and weather conditions that impact the designing and building of an outdoor living space.

LISTEN TO OTHERS

Ask your prospective contractors for a few client references. Speaking to clients will give you an idea of the builder you're hiring. Reading online reviews is another good way to gauge how they work with homeowners.

VERIFY THEIR EXPERTISE

Looking at examples of a contractor's work will illustrate their experience building projects, both simple and elaborate. Especially if you're considering a combination project or have difficult parameters, make sure you know they can build to your specifications.

CHECK THEIR LICENSE & INSURANCE

Making sure that your prospective contractors and builders are licensed and insured by government requirements.

COMPARE APPLES TO APPLES

If you obtain bids from a number of deck contractors, make sure that each one is bidding on the same scope and quality of work. If there are differences, ask why.

GET A WARRANTY

An outdoor living space is an investment. Every contractor should offer a written warranty to prove they stand behind their craftsmanship.

TAKE YOUR TIME

If your ideal outdoor living space is beyond your current budget, ask your contractors about the option of building it in stages. For instance, start with a patio and then add an outdoor kitchen later when your budget permits.

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