

Questions to Ask a Remodeling Contractor

A home maintenance guide from HouseLogic

Experience

- How many properties have you remodeled/flipped?
- How long have you renovated homes?
- How did you learn this trade?
- What do you specialize in?
- How are you different from others in your field?

Licensing, Insurance, and Bonding

- What type of license do you hold?
- How much insurance do you carry, and what does it cover?
- Does your insurance cover subcontractors you hire?
- Are you bonded?

Project Costs

- How detailed are your quotes?
- Can you share a recent project quote so I can see how detailed it is?
- Does your quote include materials and labor?
- If your quote includes materials, do I have a say about selection?

Work History

- Do you have pictures of projects?
- Do you have at least three references?
- If you've ever had a project go over money and time budget, what happened?
- Have you had an unhappy client, and how did you deal with it?

The Scope of the Project

- Is there anything you can't do regarding this proposal?
- Do you subcontract anything?
- Who do you hire as subcontractors?
- How do you ensure the quality of subcontractor work?
- Do you pull permits?
- How are you paid?
- What percentage do you estimate for possible incidentals?
- Why should I hire you for this job?



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