

Choosing the Right Remodeler

To get a beautiful finish, start with a top-notch installer

Your vinyl siding should be professionally installed to ensure your home has an attractive exterior that won't warp or buckle or fall off over time. Professional installation of your siding helps to enhance the value of your home and ensure its do right the first time.

Never base a buying decision on price alone.

Remember the old vantage: **“The bitter taste of poor quality will linger much longer than the sweet taste of a good deal”.**

The lowest price can sometimes turn into the most expensive!

Most homeowners don't realize that when you hire someone to work on your home, you are legally responsible for them if they get hurt while on your property. The best way to protect yourself is to make sure the contractor is properly insured. This also means if a sub-contractor is employed to do the work, the sub-contractor must have Workman's Compensation Insurance as well. What does all of this mean: If a worker is injured while on your property and they do not have the proper insurance, you, the homeowner is legally responsible to pay for the hospital bills and lost wages that workman's compensation insurance would have paid. Plus if the injuries are crippling there could be additional law suites and monies awarded as well. Most homeowners insurance policies will not cover such an event, possibly leaving you with a huge amount of money being owed.

Here's a handy checklist to help you find a top quality contractor.

Make sure your contractor:

- Is licensed, and insured.
- Has a minimum of three years in business.
- Has a clean record with the Better Business Bureau.
- Can provide you with customer references and photos of completed jobs- be sure to check out the references and ask previous customers if the contractor completed the job professionally and as scheduled.
- Will give you a detailed estimate, work schedule and contract in writing.
- Will provide at least a 5 year written guarantee of workmanship.
- Uses top quality vinyl siding products that are certified through a program sponsored by the Vinyl Siding Institute (VSI) and/or the International Organization of Standardizations (ISO).
- Offers an exceptional manufacturer's warranty.
- Is a member of respected trade associations like the Better Business Bureau - check out BBB Online to find out about their background.
- Has good communication skills - you should feel that your contractor is really listening to your needs and can translate your ideas into plans that work beautifully on your home.
- Operates in a professional, business-like manner.