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## The Most Important Decision You Will Make In A Remodeling Project

**Look** for your contractor to be a member of NARI - The National Association of the Remodeling Industry. The NARI logo is the mark of a professional.

**Employ** a contractor with an established business in your local area. Local firms can be checked through past customers. They are tax-paying members of your community and are compelled to perform satisfactory work for local homeowners in order for their businesses to survive.

**Ask** for local homeowner references and follow up on them. Call the references; ask if they were satisfied with all aspects of the contractor's performance. Ask to see the finished projects.

**Check** the remodeling contractor with the Better Business Bureau to see if there is an adverse file on record.

**Interview** contractors until you find one you feel comfortable working with, and do not blindly accept the lowest bid. Ask why the bid is so low, or so high. Sometimes a higher price may be worth the cost of better quality materials or better service. Make sure you have a thorough understanding of all materials to be used.



Finding a qualified, professional remodeling contractor need not be a difficult or unpleasant task. By following the basic guidelines, you will not only make the selection process easier, but you will also be more prepared to make an informed decision that best suits your needs.



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