

Springtime has arrived, time to get out in the yard and tackle all of those projects you have dreamed about during the cold winter months. The birds and other wildlife are back and so are the con artists! Whether it be a new roof, patio, deck, siding, etc., please make sure you are dealing with a reputable contractor.

Here are a few tips and suggestions on how can you find a reputable contractor:

- Ask your neighbors or friends who have had work done, who did their work, were they happy with their contractor?
- Peruse the yellow pages.
- Search on line
- Contact the Chamber of Commerce (the number is in the front of the Warrenville phone book)
- Call the local union hall for a reference.

Once you have chosen a contractor, it is a good idea to check with the Better Business Bureau (BBB), Chamber of Commerce, or Google their name to verify that they are a legitimate contractor. If they have a Warrenville business address, they should have a Warrenville business license that you can verify by contacting Pam Gallagher at 630-393-9427 x207.

Next, you will want to get a written estimate that includes the contractor's address, phone number, license number, specific work to be performed, the time frame involved, and your cost.

When making a payment, request a signed, detailed receipt of the work and materials you are paying for. It is also a good idea to request a waiver of lien in consideration for final and full payment. A final waiver of lien waives and releases the contractor's right to claim a lien for labor, services, or materials, furnished for the project.

For additional information regarding City Zoning Ordinance regulations and Building Permit requirements for specific types of projects, please contact the Community Development Department at (630) 393-9050.