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Find a Quality Contractor to Repair Your Roof

Colorado Hail Storms Hit the Roof

Whenever a Colorado hailstorm rips through a Front Range community, homeowners are faced with the task of hiring a roofing contractor to repair the damage. The Colorado Roofing Association would like to remind you that there are several guidelines to follow.

1. **BE PATIENT:** Take the time to find out what you need and who you're working with. Understand that quality contractors will inevitably be busy!
2. **CALL YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY:** The insurance adjuster will assess the damage and the homeowner should select the contractor. Deductibles should remain between a homeowner and their insurance company.
3. **GET A PROFESSIONAL 2ND & 3RD OPINION:** Make sure to get more than one comparable estimate. Confirm a ballpark schedule for completion once work has begun.
4. **CHECK OUT THE CONTRACTORS:** A business history in the area is a must! Call local references as well as the BBB. Check for a permanent business address and phone number. Confirm local licensing as necessary so that building codes and requirements will be followed, including project inspections.
5. **THE AGREEMENT** should be clear, including materials & scope of work, payment terms, and penalties for cancellation (if any). Be sure that EVERYTHING you have agreed to is in writing before signing a contract.
6. **PROOF OF INSURANCE:** Workers' Compensation and General Liability should be verified before the contract is signed.
7. **PAYMENT** should not be made until you are satisfied with the completed work. You may ask for a full lien release as a condition of final payment.

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8. WARRANTY: The contractor should be able to provide you with a sample for your review before signing a contract.

From start to finish, use good common sense when selecting someone to work on your home. Low bids can often mean someone is cutting corners to make a profit. Price should not be the sole determining factor when choosing a contractor. Determine your needs, don't allow yourself to be pressured, make a smart decision and you'll be pleased with your investment.

For more information, please log-on to www.coloradoroofing.org and click on the Consumer Information tab.

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