

Selecting a Residential Registered Vendor

Efficiency Maine recommends getting estimates from at least three contractors. Here are some questions we suggest you ask.

Questions to Ask Residential Registered Vendors:

- 1. Will you handle all the paperwork needed to ensure that I get all the Efficiency Maine rebates possible?
- 2. Will you discount my bill by the Efficiency Maine rebate or will the rebate come to me?
- 3. Will you help me apply for Efficiency Maine financing?
- 4. What are your payment terms and conditions?
- 5. Will you register any equipment with the manufacturer to ensure I get the maximum warranty?
- 6. Do you offer maintenance or service?
- 7. How soon can you begin and when do you expect to finish?
- 8. Do you have references I can contact?
- 9. Will you perform all aspects of the proposed upgrade (plumbing, electrical, sheetrock, etc.)?

Questions to Ask References:

- 1. What work did this company do for you? (Ideally, it's relevant to what you are considering.)
- 2. When? (Hopefully it's recent enough to reflect on the vendor's current capabilities, but long enough ago so that they've had a chance to experience the results.)
- 3. How would you rate your satisfaction with the company (0-10)?
- 4. Why did you choose this company? (e.g., Is there any special relationship between the reference and the company? For instance, are they related or members of a referral network?)
- 5. Is there anything else I should ask? (This question can uncover some interesting points.)