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## 10 Things You Should Know Before You Hire A Handyman

1. **First contact.** Most likely your first contact will be a phone call. A professional handyman should be pleasant, patient and helpful to speak with. Your handyman should ask you questions about what you want to accomplish.
2. **Punctuality.** Enough cannot be said about being on time. Being prompt shows respect, organization and professionalism. If your handyman is running behind or late you can and should expect a phone call.
3. **Knowledgeable.** Handyman comes from many different backgrounds. Those who have a true passion for what they do spend time staying up to date on the latest products, techniques, and are always looking for better and more efficient ways to do things.
4. **Communication.** It is always nice to deal with professionals that you can communicate with easily.
5. **Organization.** In most cases your handyman should be able to show up with all the necessary tools and materials to complete the task at hand.
6. **Quality of work.** This is where doing a little bit of homework can pay off. By knowing certain questions that directly pertain to your project you are letting your handyman know that you are aware of the project details. You can gather this information from trusted sources online or other reputable professionals in the area.
7. **Cleanliness.** A professional handyman cleans the jobsite as work progresses, this maintains safety and order.
8. **Professionalism.** Your handyman should always be focused on the work at hand with side conversations kept light and neutral. In addition, trusted professionals typically do not play music while on the job.
9. **Pricing.** Ask 10 handymen to bid something and you will most likely get 10 prices. It is not wise to pick the lowest bid, lowballers seldom have the experience or knowledge to perform the job correctly. It's better to make your selection from somewhere in the middle of the pack or more importantly where you feel comfortable. However, you typically get what you pay for as with most things.
10. **Problem-Solving skills.** Homeowners are often faced with complex repairs or issues with their homes. A handyman's best tool is his problem solving skills. Problem solving skills are developed over time thru experience and out the box thinking. The best solution comes from experience, being creative, inventive and practical. Commonsense will tell you if your handyman has found the right solution for you.