



CROWN LEDGE REALTY

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Ask the Realtor:

How do I find a good contractor?

Obtain referrals

Your best source for recommendations is family members, friends and coworkers. You could join a website, like Angie's list, but there is a monthly fee for this.

Interview your contractor

Make a list. You will want to include questions like:

- How long have you been in business?
- Do you carry insurance?
- How many jobs of this type have you done?
- Can I get a list of references?

Who gets eliminated

You will want to weed out any potential trouble before the job starts. Look for the following triggers:

- You must pay everything up front or in cash.
- No insurance
- You are not given a written quote
- There is no physical address for the contractor (business or home address)

Narrow the field

Now that you have your list, narrow it down to 2 or 3 and call their references. Ask questions regarding the quality of work, pricing changes, communication, timeliness and cleanup. Remember, you want a good price, but the lowest price may not always be the best quality.

Finalize the deal

Get an agreement in writing. This should specify the work to be done, timeframe, how changes will be handled and payment structure. Payments are normally in thirds or set milestones. Don't forget to ask for a certificate of insurance for your job.

If you are considering buying or selling, let's work together and make it a realty reality.

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Lights, Trees, Decorations

Some of the best places to see Christmas lights and displays are right in your own town. But if you have time to venture out this holiday season, give one of the following a try.

Fatima Shrine - Holliston, MA

Bundle up for an old favorite. This popular walking tour features Christmas lights, candles, and a beautiful nativity.

La Salette Shrine - Attleboro, MA

This attraction has grown into a display of more than 300,000 lights, concerts and other events during the Christmas season. lasalette-shrine.org

Enchanted Village- Jordan's Furniture Avon, MA

Jordan's Furniture purchased the surviving pieces of the old Jordan Marsh's Enchanted Village at auction in May of 2009 and restored the vintage collection. The Village is on permanent display in Avon. <http://www.jordans.com/en/attractions/enchanted-village.aspx>

Holly Days – Boylston, MA

Holly Days, located in Boylston's Tower Hill Botanic Garden, pays homage to the multicultural holiday celebrations around the world. Enjoy the light filled decorations, trees, wreaths and swags beaming with hand-crafted ornaments created with natural materials reflecting the international theme. <http://www.towerhillbg.org/>

Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays everyone !!!!!

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