

Concrete Buyers Guide



Hiring the right concrete contractor:

Hiring a reputable concrete contractor can dramatically impact your project experience, budget, and final product! Where to start and what questions to ask is very important in hiring the correct concrete contractor for your project. Let's dive into what to look for and what questions to ask so that your project is an enjoyable and satisfying experience.

What Questions to Ask?



Having an idea of what you want and what questions to ask will help in what type of contractor to hire. Do you like the look of regular broom finish concrete, or would you like a nice stamped and colored concrete finish? What are the issues your current setup is causing? Is this new construction or a tear out and replace project? Not every concrete contractor is going to have the experience, equipment, manpower, or ability to execute a more involved or custom concrete pour. Be prepared to ask questions such as:

- What is your experience in this exact type of work?
- How large is your crew? Can you handle pouring a larger size pour so that it looks consistent?
- What is your availability? Does it work with your time schedule?
- How long do you expect a job like this to take?
- Do you have in-house employees, or do you subcontract the work out? Making sure the workers on the job are W2 employees, covered under the company's insurance, and are not some cash under the table workers, will protect you from any on the job issues or accidents if they were to occur. Having 1099 subcontractors that have their own insurance or that are covered under the main contractor insurance is important to know and verify.
- Do you carry liability and workman's comp insurance? If your contractor does not have the appropriate insurance coverage, you the homeowner could become financially responsible for any on the job accidents, destruction of property, or weather-related damage that could occur during the project.
- Will you provide a written and detailed proposal for the work to be completed?

-Does this type of work require permits? Piers, foundations, footers, driveway approaches, the amount of permeable surface on your property, and water mitigation systems could be part of your concrete project. These may require permits depending on the area you live.

-What types of payments do you accept and what are your payment terms?

-Can you provide a Lien Waiver upon completion and payment of the project?

-Will you provide clear communication of when the project will start and during the progression of the project? Clear communication is important in ensuring your project is a successful experience.

-Is there anything that we the homeowners will be responsible for before the project starts or after the project finishes? Knowing what to expect and what is included such as moving furniture or vehicles, backfilling, yard or landscape repair, sprinkler repair, etc. can resolve any additional expenses that could occur if not addressed up front.

-Will you power wash the street and surrounding areas to keep the jobsite clean and the neighbors happy?

-How do you plan to protect the house or personal property from concrete splatters and spills during the project, as well as clean up upon completion?



Asking and vetting the potential concrete contractors with the appropriate questions before hiring will ensure you are hiring the correct and competent company for the job. We here at Halloran Construction LLC take pride in the work we do and are confident in the positive experience you will have when hiring us for your project. Please contact Jake Halloran at 314-698-0502 or jake@halloranconstructionllc.com for a free consultation and estimate for your project.

