



Thinking of painting your house?

Now that the daily temperatures are warming and as we approach Spring, many Homeowners are deciding that it is time to paint their house. Before you commit to hiring a painter there are a few things you should consider and remember.

- Get several estimates. Ask your neighbors for references and a few questions:
 - Was the Homeowner satisfied with the work?
 - Were they thorough in the prep work (pre-wash, patching, etc)?
 - Did they use the brand and quality of paint they had quoted?
 - How long did the job take and was it completed on time?
 - Did they leave unused paint for touchups at later time?
- Do not sign what may be presented as an estimate or quote. In reality, many of the “estimates” are in fact contracts which contain severe penalties if you decide to use another contractor or not to proceed.
- The estimate should include:
 - Detailed description of the job, including surface prep.
 - Specifications of the paint (Brand and type, color & quantity)?
 - Completion date from the start date?
 - Total cost and payment terms. Request a signed receipt if you pay by cash. Pay no more than 10% down and the balance when the job is completed and you are totally satisfied.
 - Keep copies of all payment records.
- Hire a professional and reputable painter. Check to be sure the painter is a licensed contractor in good standing with the Registrar Of Contractors (ROC). A professional job includes how best to prepare the surface, repair and have the appropriate tools and knowledge to ensure a quality job.
- Ask for a certificate of insurance. If the painter or any member of the crew is injured on the job, you are not held responsible.
- Was the contractor courteous? Was the presentation made in a professional manner? Was the presentation made at your request, or did you just get a knock at your door? Door-to-door solicitation is prohibited in IronOaks.
 - Should this occur, call Patrol immediately! (480-802-4937)
- ALC Guidelines require that you obtain an ALC Permit Request before you paint your house. This is true even if you are painting the house the same colors as the original or previous colors. Samples of the approved colors are available in the ALC Office. Garage doors are to be painted the same color as the stucco. The Permit Request must be signed by the Homeowner.

Any questions, please call the ALC Office at 480-802-2776.