



How to Verify Asphalt Paving Contractors: A Check List by FixAsphalt.com

Hiring the right asphalt paving contractor is crucial for ensuring the longevity and quality of your pavement. Unfortunately, not all contractors deliver the same level of professionalism or expertise. That's why FixAsphalt.com has prepared this guide to help you verify the qualifications, credibility, and reliability of any asphalt paving contractor you are considering.

Florida Homeowner's Complete Guide

Asphalt Paving Contractor Verification & Scam Prevention

Required Contractor Verification

- Florida contractor license number (verify at www.myfloridalicense.com)
- General liability insurance certificate
- Workers' compensation insurance verification
- Permanent Florida business address
- Company vehicles with Florida plates & business markings
- Minimum of three local references contacted
- Better Business Bureau rating checked
- Online reviews verified (Google, Yelp, etc.)

Florida Contractor License Categories

Check that your contractor holds one of these valid licenses:

- Registered & Licensed Paving Contractor with the local county the project is located in.

*Note: Some counties and cities have specific requirements for pavement contractors. Check with your local building department.

License Status Must Show:

- Active status
- No disciplinary actions
- Current insurance

Proper qualification for scope of work

Required Documentation

Written estimate with detailed scope of work

Comprehensive contract

Material specifications listed

Project timeline included

Written warranty terms

Clear payment schedule

Company letterhead with Florida address

Building permits (most cities in Florida require a building permit for paving)

Warning Signs - Do Not Proceed If:

Contractor solicits door-to-door

Claims to have "leftover materials"

Demands cash payment

Uses out-of-state license plates

Pressures for immediate decision

Refuses to provide written contract

Price seems unusually low

Cannot provide local references

Uses hotel/motel as business address

Payment Protection Steps

Never pay in cash

Initial deposit no more than 10-20%

Get written payment schedule

Hold final payment until satisfied

Obtain receipts for all payments

Keep copies of all documents

Take before and after photos

Before Work Begins

All permits obtained by the contractor (Do NOT Pull The Permit Yourself)

Start/completion dates in writing

Payment terms clearly defined

Materials specified in contract

Site preparation requirements listed

Clean-up responsibilities detailed

Project Documentation

Contractor Information:

Company Name: _____

License Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Business Address: _____

Project Details:

Estimated Start Date: _____

Estimated Completion: _____

Quote Amount: _____

Square Footage: _____

Insurance Verification:

Policy Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Coverage Amount: _____

Reference Check Notes:

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

Additional Notes:

Red Flag Observations:

Important Contact Information

- Florida DBPR: 850-487-1395
- Better Business Bureau West Florida: 813-681-2300
- Local Police Non-Emergency:
- County Consumer Protection:

Photo Documentation Log

Before Work:

Date: _____

Photos Taken: []

Location: _____

During Work:

Date: _____

Photos Taken: []

Location: _____

After Completion:

Date: _____

Photos Taken: []

Location: _____

Remember: Legitimate contractors welcome verification and questions. If you feel pressured or uncomfortable, contact authorities immediately.

This consumer protection guide is provided as a public service to Florida residents.

Feel free to share with neighbors and family members.

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