

Building Department Requirements

The Village of Beach Park requires detailed information on contractors performing work related to a building permit. Some trades may also require licensing and proof of insurance prior to commencing with any work. You may call the Building Department at 847.746.1770 if you need further information.

Protecting Yourself During Home Repairs

Please visit www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/homerepair_construction.html for the complete article published by the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

Common Home Repair Scams

Complaints received by the Office of the Illinois Attorney General demonstrate that unscrupulous home repair contractors use some common techniques to gain the confidence of home owners. In general, consumers should beware when a home repair contractor:

- Contacts you or comes to your home uninvited;
- Tells you that you need to make repairs immediately or your safety may be in danger;
- Pressures you to sign papers today or talks too quickly, attempting to confuse you;
- Quotes a price that's out of line with other estimates;
- Offers to drive you to your bank to withdraw funds to pay for his or her work;
- Can be reached only by leaving messages with an answering service;
- Drives an unmarked vehicle or has out-of-state license plates; or
- Asks you to pay for the entire job up front.

Finding a Contractor

You should find out as much as you can about a contractor before hiring him or her. You can do this by calling the Illinois Attorney General and the Better Business Bureau. Get written estimates from several firms—but don't automatically choose the lowest bidder. Ask the contractor if subcontractors will be used on the project. If yes, ask to meet them, and make sure they have current insurance coverage and licenses. Also ask them if this contractor has paid them on time in the past.

Contracts for Home Repair in Illinois

Before signing any home repair or remodeling contract over \$1,000, a person engaging in the business of home repair and remodeling is required in Illinois to provide the customer with a copy of the "Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights" pamphlet.