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**Maricopa County Home & Landscape Show**  
April 29-May 1, 2011 • Arizona State Fairgrounds

## Home Show Screens Exhibitors

Know who you are hiring! The Maricopa County Home Shows pre-screens all of our home improvement vendors through the AZ Registrar of Contractors to make sure that they are in good standing and are using good business practices.

Before hiring any contractor, it is very important to know who you are doing business with. Look up your preferred contractor's history, standing and code information at <http://www.azroc.gov/>.

### **10 Tips on Hiring a Contractor**

1. Only hire a licensed contractor: Interview and hire only State licensed contractors. Check a contractor's license number online at [www.azroc.gov](http://www.azroc.gov) or by calling 602-542-1525. Remember to check the license status again on the day you are scheduled to sign the contract even if you did so earlier. License status can change over night.
2. Get Bids: Get at least three bids from licensed contractors. These contractors should be licensed to perform the specific trades related to your project.
3. Licensed Subcontractors: Obtain a list of all sub-contractors that will be used on your project. Make sure these contractors are properly licensed.
4. Everything in Writing: Make sure all agreements are in writing including changes made to the original agreement.
5. Get & Verify References: Obtain three references of recent jobs from each bidder. Review their past work in person.
6. Detailed Records: Keep a file of all papers relating to the project including a payment receipt file.
7. Workers' Compensation: Confirm that all contractors used on your project has workers' compensation insurance for employees.
8. Payments Schedule: Add a payment schedule based on work completed to your agreement. Don't make payments ahead of schedule or before work is completed according to your agreement.
9. Never Pay in Cash: Be cautious if asked to make a large down payment or to pay in full prior to the commencement of the project. Do not pay the contractor in cash.
10. Final Inspection: Don't make the final payment (exception - pool contracts) until you're satisfied with the work performed.

### **Show Hours:**

Friday 10am to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 6pm, Sunday 10am to 5pm

### **Admission:**

Pick up a half off admission ticket at Stardust Building Supply\* and redeem that ticket at the Home Show gated entrances and all net proceeds go back to the non-profit organization: find locations at [www.stardustbuilding.org](http://www.stardustbuilding.org)

**Adult:** \$5.00, 3-12 \$2.00, 2 and under Free.

**Senior Day:** Friday 10am to 12noon FREE admission for all Seniors 60 and over courtesy of Lovin' Life after 50

**Customer Appreciation:** Friday between 4pm and 6pm FREE Admission for everyone attending!

**Parking:** Plenty of onsite parking, enter at 17<sup>th</sup> Ave and McDowell or 19<sup>th</sup> Ave and Monte Vista. Arizona State Fairgrounds is located at 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and McDowell Rd

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