

Common Red Flags

A Contractor may not be on the level when:

- *You can't verify the contractor's name, address, telephone number or credentials.*
- *You can't verify that the contractor is licensed, insured and/or bonded.*
- *The contractor won't give you references.*
- *The contractor asks you to obtain the building permits.*
- *You are asked to put down a large down payment up front, or pay the entire price of the job before work is started.*



Landscapers

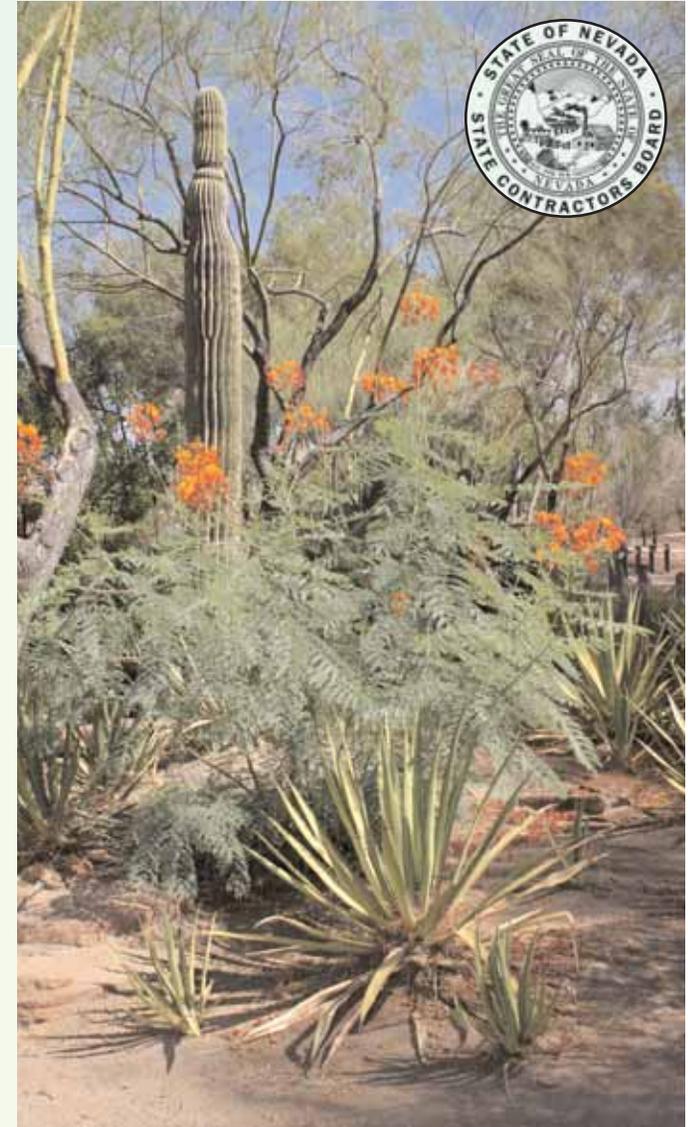
Contractors are required to have landscape licenses in the state of Nevada, if a job is \$1,000 or more or requires a building permit. Companies that do lawn maintenance service are usually not required to have a contracting license.



The following common landscape construction or installation services may require a licensed contractor:

- Installing rocks, sand or gravel
- Irrigation or drainage systems
- Planting trees, shrubs or other vegetation
- Laying sod or hydroseeding

How to Choose the Right Landscaper



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Get A Written Contract

These are things you should look for on your contract:

- Contractor's license number & classification
- Exact amount due from you under contract
- Date work will begin & number of days for completion
- Work to be performed & materials to be used
- The contract is signed & dated by both parties
- Have all change orders signed by both parties before the work begins

Contact the NSCB

- Check to see if a contractor is licensed and in good standing with the NSCB by either calling or going online
- Check for disciplinary actions
- Never pay with cash
- Ask for references before hiring any contractor
- Get several bids before hiring a licensed contractor

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Residential Recovery Fund

When a homeowner has been damaged by a contractor and has done everything possible to get the job completed and/or recover the financial loss, there is a fund established by the Nevada Legislature that is designed to help – the Residential Recovery Fund.

A homeowner may be able to recover actual damages up to \$35,000 per claim.

Recovery Fund claim forms may be obtained on the NSCB website, or by calling either Board office in Henderson or Reno, NV.

(Note: The Residential Recovery Fund is for single-family residences only.

Owners of Condos, Townhomes, apartments or Commercial Properties are not eligible.)