



DIY OR HIRE A HANDYMAN?

Determine What's Right For You.
Forte's Top 5 Considerations

OVERVIEW

If you are like most homeowners, little projects can add up and become the "big headache" . We tend to put off those small home maintenance items until they become a problem. Call it human nature, we'd all rather be doing something else.

Forte Maintenance is here to help. With more than 8 years of property management, managing some of the largest residential portfolios and HOA's, we have expanded our business to include local homeowners like you!

We know there is a lot to consider before deciding if you are going to hire someone or if you will do it yourself. This guide will help you with that important decision.



COSTS

Costs are perhaps the number one consideration between doing it yourself and hiring a professional company to do it for you.

We get it, it's a challenging time for many Americans and every penny counts. However, you may be surprised to hear it often costs you double to do it yourself.

People tend to forget their time is also of value. If you're taking the day off to get things down around the house, there is a price associated with that. Before assuming your time is less valuable, sit down and do the math, you'll often find hiring a efficient professional is the more economical route.



SAFETY

Homeowners often underestimate the difficulty of getting up on a ladder, or changing a light fixture. It sounds easy, and it is for the professionals; but cleaning your own gutters, or changing your own light fixture comes with risk. If you are going to do it make sure you have someone with you, and have the property safeties in place to ensure a successful job.

With safety also comes responsibilities to ensure the task you're completing is up to code and does not break any 'rules'. Trust us, it may seem minor but ensuring everything is done correctly and legally is critical. If you skip planning and consideration of safety, it can cost you in the long run.



QUALITY

We don't want to knock your drywall or painting skills, but we do want to touch on quality. We all have our talents and professional drywall and painting professionals have crafted their skills for years.

If you're planning on staying in your home for years, it is very possible and practical to paint yourself or do minor cosmetic fixes. However a quality paint job and, equally important, drywall repair is critical if you are planning on reselling your home.

Quality craftsmanship can increase the resale value of your home significantly, it matters.



PRO VS. CRAIGSLIST

You've decided to go with the pro, in your case it just makes sense.

Professionals are not all created equally. Ensure any professional you hire has the skills (and certificates) they say they do and ensure you have a workmanship guarantee.

You should also be considering their business license, and choosing a reputable business with history in the community. This is always recommended over an unknown for many reasons, including and perhaps the most important, your family's safety.



YOUR TIME AND SANITY

The two most important considerations are your time and sanity. We have all been to the friends house where they are ready to lose their mind because they decided to go the DIY route. They are frustrated and tired.

Time is important. You don't get time back, and your sanity? Well, if you're lucky enough to be a homeowner who still has it, you want to keep it!

What seems like a good idea at the time can cost you money; but more importantly, it can take away time from things like your family. Give this one real consideration, and weigh the benefits your options.





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