
HOUSE PAINTING CHECKLIST

Getting what you want from a painting contractor

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Considering some details in advance of your meeting with a painting contractor will save you time and money. This checklist is an essential tool to use in determining specifics for a project. You can add your own questions and comments in the Meeting Notes Section found at the end of this checklist.

Interior

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Walls | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand railings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ceilings | <input type="checkbox"/> Balusters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trim (see below) ¹ | <input type="checkbox"/> Window Blinds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Closets | <input type="checkbox"/> Wallpaper removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookcases | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radiators | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heat Registers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen cabinets | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Window sash | |

^[1] Includes: Casings, doors, baseboards, chair rails, ceiling moldings, [wainscoting](#), decorative trim.

Exterior

- Siding
- Trim (see below)²
- Porches
- Decks
- [Window Sash](#)
- [Window Glazing](#)
- Doors
- Shutters
- Garages
- Garage doors
- Sheds
- Pool house / Gazebo
- Chimney
- Bulkhead
- Gutters / Downspouts
- Fences / Gates
- Railings
 - Wood
 - Iron
- Roof Shingles
- Lattice
- Other (specify)

^[2]Includes: Fascia boards, casings, corner boards, etc.

Relevant Questions

- What colors?
- What sheen levels?
- Do you have a preference for a brand of paint?
- When would you like the estimate?
- When would you like the work performed?
- Are there any critical deadlines to be met? (i.e. parties, functions, etc.)

What to do before your painters arrive:

For exterior work

- Trim shrubs that touch your home's exterior
 - Notify your home service companies about your painting project
 - Landscapers
 - Pool maintenance
 - Sprinkler maintenance
 - Others

For interior work

- Move delicate items from the work area
- Remove pictures no longer to be displayed
- Identify very heavy or delicate furniture requiring special care or extra manpower to move

Meeting notes: