

# HOME REPAIR RESOURCES



► *Building Services is here to assist you in the process of restoring your home.*

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## STATE LICENSE ►

All contractors doing work locally are required to be licensed and registered through the State of Iowa. If they are licensed in another state, they still need to be licensed in Iowa to do work in Iowa. This is a benefit, as the damage is regional, and contractors licensed through the state are able to serve in any community in Iowa.

## CONTRACTOR VERIFICATION ►

To verify your contractor is licensed in the State of Iowa, please call the Building Services Department hotline: **319-286-5929**, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This is a verification service, not a referral service.

## FINDING A REPUTABLE CONTRACTOR ►

- Contractors should be licensed in the State of Iowa
- If they are licensed in another state, they still need to be licensed in Iowa to do work locally
- Contractors should carry insurance
- If possible, get more than one quote for repairs
- Do not pay upfront for repairs
- Contact your insurance company for information regarding damage claims
- Check Iowa Courts Online to see if a contractor has been sued by unsatisfied customers
- To report a dishonest contractor, please contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Iowa Attorney General's Office at 1-888-777-4590 or [www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov).

## REPUTABLE SOURCES TO FIND CONTRACTORS ►

**Iowa Workforce Division of Labor:**  
<https://contractor.iowa.gov/iowaIWD/CREG/publicSearch/publicSearch.jsp#>

**Iowa State Public Health (Plumbing & Heating):**  
<https://idph.iowa.gov/pmsb>

**State Fire Marshal Division Electrical Bureau:**  
<https://iowadps.force.com/LicenseSearchPage>

## PERMIT REQUIREMENTS ►

- Online permits are available at [cedar-rapids.org/homerepair](http://cedar-rapids.org/homerepair)
- Permits are **REQUIRED** for significant roof damage, structural repairs, or substantial interior repairs. Examples include: wall damage or truss damage, anything structural that has been pushed out of alignment, attic rafters that are damaged, significant siding or large portions of roof repairs, anything that touches electrical, mechanical, or plumbing work.
- Permits are **NOT** required for minor roofing repairs (replacing small portions of shingles), small sections of siding, small roof holes that can be patched with plywood, or other minor maintenance items.
- Your contractor is responsible for obtaining the appropriate permits from the Building Services Department.

### Questions?

Call Building Services at **319-286-5831** for any questions about the permit process

### Request an Inspection

You can request an inspection from a certified building inspector after your contractor has completed work:

**Phone:** 319-286-5831 • **Email:** [InspectionRequests@cedar-rapids.org](mailto:InspectionRequests@cedar-rapids.org)