

## **Check on Contractors Licensing and Association rules BEFORE you begin your project**

We recommend that PML members check with our Administration Office before starting any improvements to their PML property, such as building a home or starting a renovation project. Whether it is a small retaining wall, new driveway or deck replacement, check on the rules first. Since the beginning of the year, we have been forced to enforce the CC&R's and red-tag several projects because the member or their contractor failed to get the proper permits or approval. For more information please review the ECC guidelines on the PML website or call our ECC Coordinator at (209) 962-8605.

### **Who are you hiring?**

In addition, it is important to check out the contractors and vendors you want to hire BEFORE you hire them. We have received complaints that many do not have the proper licenses or insurance. Do not just go by local references or recommendations from online social media sites. Roofers, asphalt contractors, deck builders, tree removal services, landscape companies, plumbers, carpenters etc. are all covered by California state regulations and County ordinances.

We have seen way too many members get burned by shoddy work or issues with unlicensed contractors/uninsured workers. Members should perform their own due diligence as to the reputation and history of the contractor or provider and their licensing. We recommend getting bids and quotes in writing, insisting on a written contract and having it reviewed by your lawyer.

When dealing with contractors, members should:

- Verify license status at the State Contractors Board, at 1-800-321-2752 or online at <http://www.cslb.ca.gov/>

Additional consumer information can be found at:

[http://www.cslb.ca.gov/Consumers/Hire\\_A\\_Contractor/](http://www.cslb.ca.gov/Consumers/Hire_A_Contractor/)

- Note that PML and Tuolumne County permits may be required for any project, even a small one. Check it out before you begin.
- Call the Tuolumne County Community Resources Agency at (209) 533-5633.

All agreements, quotes, contracts, issues, problems, satisfaction, dissatisfaction, whatever, is between the member and contractor or vendor. PML is not and will not be involved in these business relationships, as it would be inappropriate.

"A little bit of effort in the short-term may save you a whole lot of money down the road."

Joe Powell, CCAM-LS, CMCA, AMS

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