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**Autumn Chill Reminds Homeowners of Those Last- Minute Fixes**

When the leaves begin to change color and the days and nights have that nip of cooler weather, homeowners often begin trying to get those last minute home improvement projects complete before the rains set in.

“Autumn is a good time to remind homeowners about checking a contractor’s license with the Construction Contractors Board (CCB) before accepting a bid or paying out any money,” says Gina Fox, Public Information Officer for the CCB.

While most projects are successful and completed without a problem, when problems do occur, they can be expensive, time-consuming and emotionally draining. If a problem occurs with an unlicensed contractor, the CCB enforcement section can issue civil penalties against the contractor, but the homeowner is often left with an incomplete job or a job poorly done.

Checking to make sure a contractor is actively licensed ensures that the contractor is bonded and insured. Consumers can also check the complaint history and see if there is an unpaid CCB dispute order or civil penalty.

“Know your contractor,” says Fox. “After all, your home may be the biggest investment you have.”

The CCB is a state agency licensing more than 42,000 contractors. Anyone who is paid to repair, improve or build a home must be licensed by the CCB. Consumers can verify a contractor’s license and find information for successful projects by clicking on the Consumer Help Page at [www.oregon.gov/CCB](http://www.oregon.gov/CCB) or by calling 503-378-4621.

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