

### **Tips for choosing a contractor:**

- Get referrals from your family, friends and neighbors.
- Ask for a list of recent projects in the area and find out how long they have been in business.
- Try to get three quotes. The lowest isn't always the best.
- Make sure you have a written contract and that the contractor pulls the necessary permits through the Building Department.
- Verify their licenses through the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and make sure they are insured.
- Look for complaints on the Better Business Bureau website or check out their online reputation by searching for the company's name with the word "complaint."
- The work of reputable builders and contractors speaks for itself through customer referrals. **AVOID HIGH PRESSURE SALES TACTICS - THEY SHOULD NOT PRESSURE YOU FOR AN IMMEDIATE DECISION.**

### **When Are Permits Necessary?**

Permits are required for new homes, additions, renovations, decks, roofs, windows, new furnaces or A/C units and other building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing projects.

Building permits provide the means for our Building Official and inspectors to protect us by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction.

Please call us at 248.698.3300 Ext. 2 for any questions regarding construction projects in the area, or permitting questions.