

# THE DO'S AND DONT'S

# OF HIRING A **STUCCO** **CONTRACTOR**

## DO'S

- Research the stucco contractors you are interested in hiring: years in business, referrals, and testimonials, reputable referral websites, etc.
- Ask to see a current license to do stucco work in the city and county where your stucco project is.
- Ask what brand of materials will be used to complete the project and ask the stucco contractor for a copy of their product certification.
- Ask for the stucco contractor's certificate of insurance, endorsements, and exclusions in policies, and request to be a certificate holder.
- Read the estimate carefully before you sign or commit to the project.
- Will other contractors be working on your home simultaneously as the stucco contractor? If so, check to ensure that the stucco contractor knows when to start or delay work based on the timeline of other projects (ie: roofing, gutter, or window installation).

## DONT'S

- Hire a stucco contractor who is hard to reach, does not show up when scheduled, and does not send a timely and detailed estimate.
- Hire a stucco contractor or company that has only been in business a short while; your warrantied project is at risk if they go out of business after completing it.
- Hire a contractor with stucco listed as only one of the services offered. Stucco installation takes skill and experience, find a stucco contractor like V.A.M.P. Stucco, whose entire business is stucco and only stucco.
- Go with a company or contractor who will subcontract the project to another company without providing you evidence the subcontractors have the proper certifications and insurance coverage.
- Pay any upfront costs until the contractor is mobilizing and preparing (for example: buying materials, and spending on labor) for your project.