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The Homeowner's Guide to Hiring a Plumber

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Questions to Ask Any Plumber

Before you hire

- ☐ Are you licensed and insured in this state? Ask for the license number
- ☐ Is this quote flat-rate or time-and-materials?
- ☐ Does the quote include parts, labor, and cleanup?
- ☐ What's the estimated timeline for this job?

Red flags to watch for

- ☐ Pressure to decide immediately on non-emergency work
- ☐ No written quote, only a verbal number
- ☐ Refusal to provide a license number
- ☐ Asking for full payment upfront before any work begins

Comparing Multiple Quotes Fairly

What to compare beyond price

- ☐ Warranty on labor and parts
- ☐ Whether disposal/cleanup is included
- ☐ Availability and estimated start date
- ☐ Reviews and years in business

When one quote is enough

- ☐ True emergencies — active flooding or no water
- ☐ Very small, low-cost repairs
- ☐ You already have a trusted, licensed plumber

Understanding Licensing & Insurance

What license verification protects you from

- ☐ Unqualified or unsafe work on your plumbing system
- ☐ No recourse if something goes wrong
- ☐ Voided homeowners insurance claims from unlicensed work

How to verify

- ☐ Ask for the license number directly
- ☐ Check your state's contractor licensing board website
- ☐ Confirm general liability insurance is current
- ☐ For larger jobs, ask about workers' comp coverage too

Ready to compare real quotes?

Run your job through our free AI matching tool at topplumbersusa.com and get matched with 2-3 vetted, licensed local plumbers — free, no obligation.

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