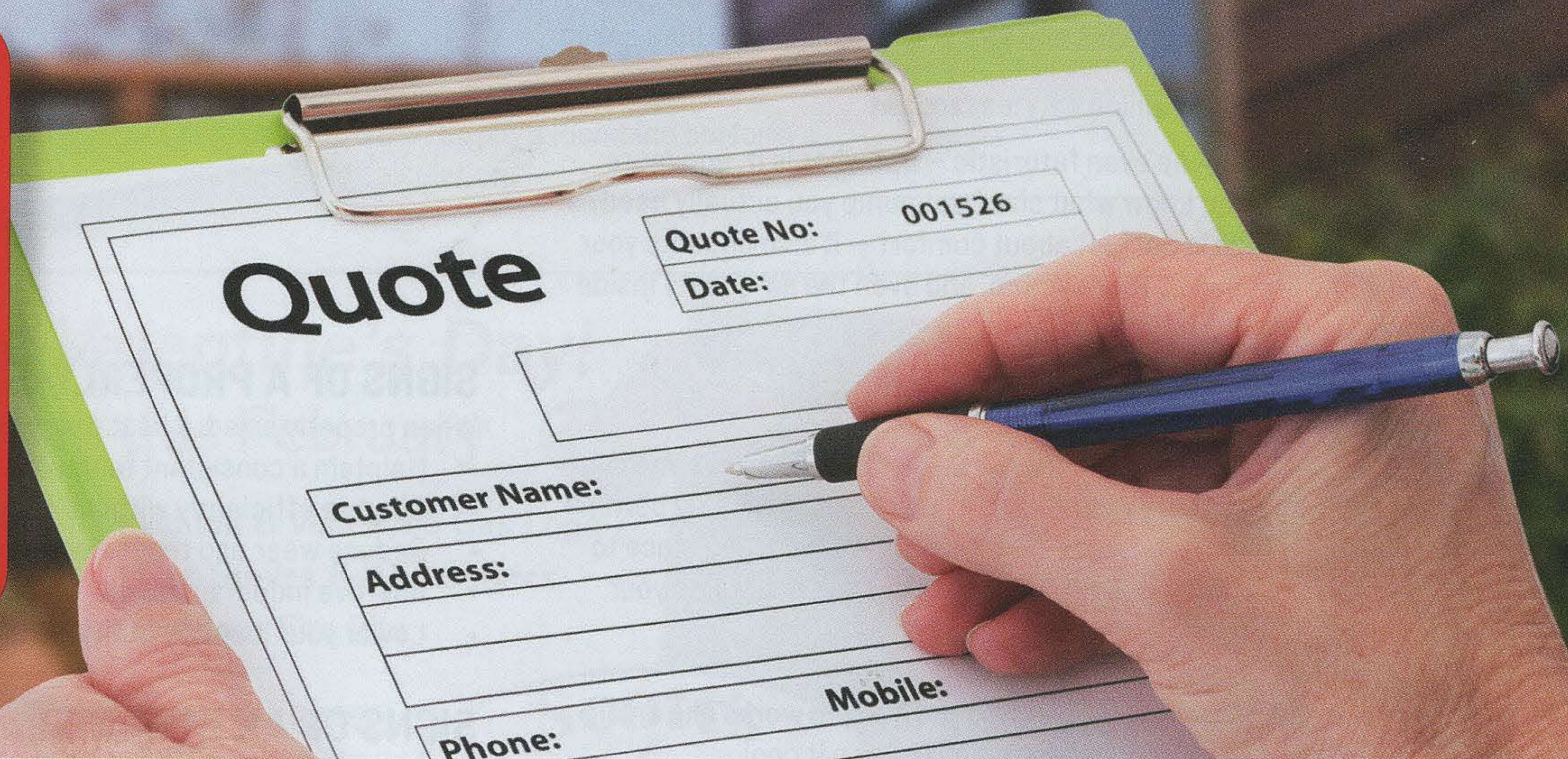


GETTING QUOTES FOR A NEW ROOF

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Your roof plays a critical role in protecting your home, making it one of its most essential components. When replacement becomes necessary, taking the time to research and select an experienced, properly credentialed contractor is key. Recommendations can come from many places, but it's wise to look beyond a single source before reaching out. Talk with neighbors and relatives about who they hired and how the project went, and consider visiting a local roofing supplier to ask for contractor referrals.

Once you've done that, narrow your options and request quotes from three roofing professionals, preferably those with plenty of experience and great reviews. While pricing is important, it shouldn't be your only focus. Estimates should generally fall within a close range of each other; larger gaps often indicate differences such as scope of work, heavy advertising costs or missing insurance or certifications. Reviewing and comparing the scope of work is one of the most important steps a homeowner can take. Each estimate should spell out the scope of work, including the number of existing shingle layers to be removed, along with specific materials such as the type of plywood if required, ice and water protection, shingle type, ridge ventilation and caps.

To help with your final decision, keep this checklist in mind:

- Discuss scheduling, project length, dumpsters and material deliveries. Communication should stay consistent throughout the job.
- During the estimate, ask about ventilation, insulation, decking condition, flashing and warranties. Ask if the contractor sees any potential issues—they should point them out.
- Ask about manufacturer warranties covering materials and labor. Extended warranties can be costly, but proper installation should always meet code requirements.
- Ask for local references and check out online reviews.
- Trust your instincts and choose the company that feels right.

When the time comes to replace your roof, it is important to do your research and hire a reputable and knowledgeable company.

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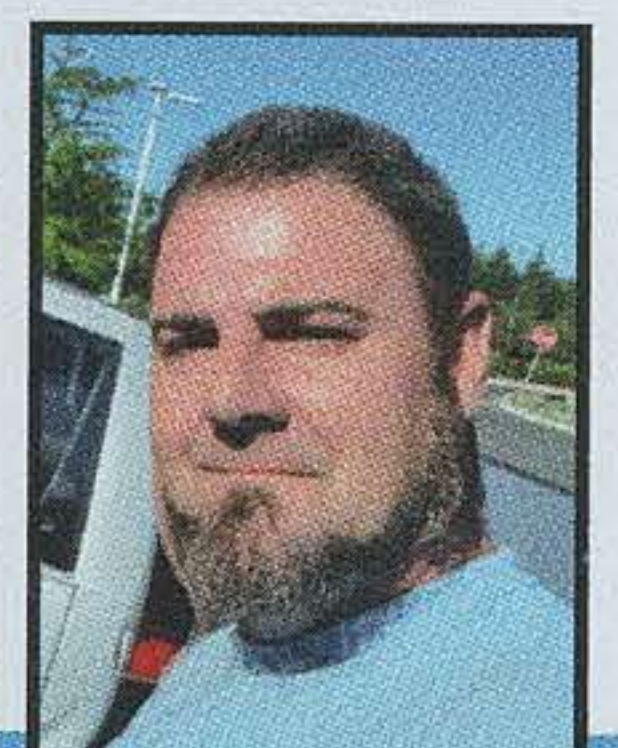
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