

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

Home Repair Scammers: When They Come Knockin' Send 'Em Walkin'

Shady contractors do their best to convince you that you desperately need a home repair and that you need it done NOW—especially since the violent storms the week of July 20.

Here are five things that you need to know:

**Anyone* who shows up unannounced offering a special deal. Reputable companies don't need to knock on doors.

*Requests for cash or large up-front payments.

*High-pressure sales tactics pushing you to make a quick decision. A good company knows that the more you think about your project, the better its offer will look.

*Extremely low bids--remember the adage, "You get what you pay for."

*A truck that has little or no identification and business cards lacking a street address.

Ask a prospective contractor for his business license and the name of his insurance provider. Verify that both are valid. Ask to see a driver's license so you know who you are dealing with and where the contractor lives. Ask where he or she has already completed storm-related home repairs.

With a little research, you can find a reputable contractor who will get your home repairs done right.

Call us at 303-424-5037 or stop by Northwest United Federal Credit Union to talk to us about financing your repairs and/or renovations with a home equity loan.

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