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We all know how difficult it is when we need to get rid of pests in our house. It is even more difficult to do it by yourself, that's why you will need to make use of professional pest control services.

Looking for a good one is very important so as to save money and get the right service that you need for your home without compromising the safety of the environment, your family and pets. Doing this can be quite stressful at times, but it doesn't have to be.

There are different ways to look for a reliable pest control company who will do the job for you. Dedication and patience may be required from you because there are just so many companies right now who are offering the same service that's it's so hard to identify what would make one stand out.

Why is it important to find a good professional pest control service? It's because every pest problem varies and each situation requires a different approach, specialized equipment and custom pesticides that only a professional knows how to manage and handle properly.

Do not hesitate to avail of pest control service just because you don't want to spend any money at all. Often times, we would rather do it ourselves but in the long run, we will eventually have to spend more time and money because the pest control treatment was not done properly. It may be more dangerous to your health too, especially if it involves chemicals.

When the pest problem can only be resolved using chemicals that might be toxic, it would really be a better decision to hire a pest control service. They would know all the safety procedures to protect your family not only from the chemicals, but also from future pests.

Of course you have to choose a reliable and effective pest control service, otherwise, you might encounter more trouble and hassle than what you need.

If you find yourself with no idea at all on how to choose a pest control service, always remember that you are ultimately looking for a company who has the ability help you solve your problems effectively and not add to it.

Here are 5 things you should keep in mind when before hiring a pest control service.

1. Ask for Recommendations and Referrals from Various People

It doesn't hurt to ask around for recommendations. If you are unsure about where to start this is usually the best way to do it. Friends, family, neighbors, workmates and loved ones who have used a pest control service at least once in the past will surely be able to tell you which ones are the good and bad. They would most likely recommend the good ones and ask you to stay away from the bad ones because these are people who care for you.

If they give you bad feedback about a particular company, probe and ask them to give reasons why they would not recommend for you to hire that pest control service. From there, you will start to be aware of what to look for when you are choosing the right pest control service that will help you solve your problem.

Do the same if your friend, colleague or neighbor gave positive feedback about the pest control service that they have used in the past. Ask them for a few reasons why they liked the service and the results that they got from the company.

Once you have gathered all their suggestions and recommendations, it will be easier for you to identify what you need to watch out for when choosing a pest control service.

It might also be helpful to read a few customer reviews or testimonials about a certain company—you will usually find these online or in magazines. These are comments from people you do not know but their opinion and experience with a pest control service may help you come up with a decision when hiring one.

2. Identify the Pest and Perform Research About How to Solve the Problem

You have to know what kind of pests or insects you are dealing with to be able to find the best solution to the problem. Having this information ready would also help the pest control service you are hiring to prepare for their job and bring the equipment and materials they need to exterminate the pests in your home or office. Some companies also specialize more in outdoor pests than indoor pests so you have to know what kind of problems you are trying to solve.

You can go online and download reading materials about the pests you are dealing with. You can also go grab a book about pest control to help you educate yourself. Doing this would also give you tips on how to prevent the pests from coming back. Aside from that, you would also know if the pest control service you are trying to hire is charging for something that is not related at all to your pest problems.

It's very useful to know the solutions for your pest problems. You wouldn't want to use a short-term fix because this will definitely pose more cost and hassle than you can imagine if the problems come back at all or sooner than expected. Choose a long-term solution to your problem. Some pest control services just offer guarantees to go back and fix the problem if the pest reappears, or to spray every month. Some offer money-back guarantees or warranties.

Another way to know the solution is to ask the pest control company itself. You can ask them to make a site visit and come up with a quote or estimate. Probe more about the kind of pesticides or chemicals that they will use to solve the problem. Find out what their effects are on the environment, to your health or even to your pets.

Don't forget to ask how the chemicals will be applied and where. Knowing the pest and the solution to get rid of it will help you identify if the pest control company will use chemicals or spray it anywhere around your house where it's not necessary.

3. Investigate If the Pest Control Service You are Hiring is Licensed

It's worth checking if the company you are hiring has all the right accreditations or license. You are entrusting care of your home or office to them so it is important that they are licensed, bonded and insured. You will be spending your hard-earned money so it's only logical for you to make sure that the pest control service you are hiring is worth the spend.

Aside from the fact that hiring a pest control service will require you to shell out some money, it can also be dangerous especially if solving the problem involves using chemicals. Companies who don't know exactly what they are doing might do more harm than good to your home.

A license can assure you that someone else checked on them and confirmed they comply with rules, regulations and safety measures. Insurance can also secure you are covered in the unlikely event that something goes wrong.

Did someone else refer the company to you? Don't make this stop you from performing a more thorough background check about the company.

To check this, go over their credentials. This is also usually stated at the back of the contract that they will provide for you.

4. Check if the Company is Committed to Provide Good Customer Service

From looking for a good pest control service to hiring them and carrying out their solutions, everything should be stress-free and hassle-free. Observe how they treat you as a prospective customer during the time when you are still canvassing and inquiring for quotes. This is most likely how they will treat you once you have decided to avail of their services.

Here are a few ways on how you can discover their customer service skills.

Ask for a free quote or estimate. To be able to do this, it may require them to visit your home even if you have provided them with plenty of information from what you have researched already. Some charges a fee for the site visit, and if that's the case, ask them for a complete analysis and solution proposal to the problem. Check if they are trying to keep you in the dark because that's not a good sign of good customer service.

Keep asking them plenty of questions. If they seem annoyed and busy every time you ask them questions then they may not be paying enough attention to details, which is a must when you are in the pest control service business.

Do they get back to you right away after an inquiry? Getting answers to your question from the company in a timely manner proves to show that they have a sense of urgency. This also shows that they value you as a potential and future customer, no matter how trivial your question may seem.

Do they charge you for every extra service you ask for? Some companies offer perks to customers at no additional cost which usually comes in the form of continuous monitoring of the pest population after the treatment.

5. Review the Contract or Policy

Do not sign anything or pay a company when you have not thoroughly read and understood what's in the contract. I know nobody wants to read long paperwork but this would actually ensure that you would be getting the right pest control service.

Go over the policy and check if all the necessary measures to get to the bottom of your pest control problem will be done as agreed. Their full treatment plan should be stated in the contract, as well as how much it would cost. Make sure that they also give you the best price possible and that you will not be paying for an extra service or equipment that you didn't ask for and obviously don't need.

Read the guarantees thoroughly too so you can make sure that they will get the job done and do something about it in case the pest persists.

Keep these items in mind and you will be able to hire a good pest control service to assist you in eradicating your pest control problems. At Arden Fumigation, we make sure they this is done safely without any trouble and hassle.

Contact us now at **(408) 279-2040** and say goodbye to your pest problems at home or the office.