

# The Recovery Fund

Nevada's Residential Recovery Fund is available to Nevada homeowners for damage incurred during construction, remodeling, repair or improvement to owner-occupied single family residences. The work must have been performed under contract with a Nevada licensed contractor.

The Recovery Fund is administered by the Nevada State Contractors Board and is supported by assessments paid by all licensed contractors and sub-contractors who perform residential construction.

The Residential Recovery Fund may cover up to \$40,000 in damages, however it is a measure of last resort and may not cover all costs of damages to your dwelling.

## About the Board

The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) governs contractor licensing for the State's construction industry. Contact us for information you need about a contractor's license and bond.

The Board also has important consumer information and complaint forms that can be downloaded or sent to you by calling one of the Board's offices.

Get information from NSCB before you:

- Hire a contractor.
- Sign a contract.
- Pay for work and repairs.

**Visit our website to learn more about the Residential Recovery Fund.**



[www.nscb.nv.gov](http://www.nscb.nv.gov)



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If you believe the contractor you hired has performed substandard work, you may file a complaint with NSCB. Complaint forms can be downloaded from our website at: [www.nscb.nv.gov](http://www.nscb.nv.gov) or obtained at one of our offices.



## Choosing the Right Landscaper

### A Consumer's Guide to Hiring a Landscaper



**Measure up...use licensed contractors.**





## What you Should Know

Most landscape projects require that you hire a licensed contractor. Hiring a licensed contractor affords the following protections:

- Licensed contractors have passed trade and business law exams;
- They are required to maintain a surety bond and carry workman's compensation insurance; and
- In certain instances, if damages occur, the Residential Recovery Fund is available for homeowners who conduct business with licensed contractors. There are no provisions for recovery if an unlicensed person performs the work.

## Licensed Contractors are Required to Perform:

- Installation of rocks, sand or gravel, non-engineered decorative landscape ponds, landscape retaining walls not exceeding three feet;
- Installation of landscape irrigation;
- Planting trees, shrubs or other vegetation; and
- Laying sod or hydroseeding.

## Licensed Contractors are Not Needed for:

- Mowing/edging of lawns;
- Cleaning up/hauling off debris;
- Removal and trimming of trees and shrubs; or
- Thatching of lawns.

## Selecting a Contractor

- Ask to see the contractor's pocket ID card, which will have their NSCB license number on it.
- Verify the contractor's license on NSCB's website or call one of our offices.
- Get at least three bids and check references.

## Writing the Contract

- Define the exact amount due for the work being performed.
- Detail the date work will begin and the number of days it will take to complete the project.
- Identify the exact materials to be used and the type of work to be performed.
- Ensure both you and the contracting party sign the final agreement, as well as any change orders.

## About Payments

- Don't pay in cash - pay by check or credit card.
- Include a payment schedule within your contract.
- Obtain receipts for payments.
- If you have questions, contact NSCB.