



Repair Cost Planner

DIY or hire, on paper

General educational information, not professional advice.
Hire licensed pros for gas, electrical panels, structure and roofs.
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DIY or hire worksheet

The job

Date

Question	Yes	No	Notes
Is it safe for me? (No gas, panel, structure, roof or heights)	☐	☐	
No permit or licensed trade required here?	☐	☐	
Have I done similar, or have a trusted guide?	☐	☐	
Do I have or can I borrow the tools?	☐	☐	
Is the saving worth my time?	☐	☐	

Full cost of each option

	Do it myself	Hire a pro
Materials		
Tools to buy		
Redo buffer (about 10 to 20% of materials)		
Permit fee		
Labor quote		
My hours		
Total		

Savings per hour = (pro total minus DIY total) / my hours.

Three-quote comparison

Give every contractor the same written job description, then compare line by line.

	Quote 1	Quote 2	Quote 3
Company			
License number checked			
Insurance certificate			
Materials			
Labor			
Permits included?			
Start and finish dates			
Warranty on work			
Deposit and payment schedule			
Cleanup included?			
Total			
References called			

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Add a waste allowance, keep receipts and return unopened extras.

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Monthly amount

Date

Added

Spent

On what

Balance