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Diamond Certified Directory

LOCAL COMPANIES RATED HIGHEST IN QUALITY · PERFORMANCE GUARANTEED



INSIDE: Capability Profiles of
Top Rated Diamond Certified Companies
PLUS: Expert Tips in the Back of this Directory

Ratings updated daily at www.diamondcertified.org

2019

American Ratings Corporation conducts accurate customer satisfaction research.



1. APPLY
The company must apply to begin the rating process.



2. SAMPLE
A random sample
of typically 400 past
customers is collected
from all customer files
of the applicant
company.



3. SURVEY
Only real customers
are surveyed in
confidential telephone
research to determine
the company's
customer satisfaction
score based on quality.



4. SCORE
To qualify, the company must score Highest in Quality and Helpful Expertise®, with a score of 90 or above on a 100 scale.

Rigorous standards are enforced.



5. CREDENTIALS
We confirm that the company has required insurances and valid state-mandated credentials.



6. PRACTICES
The company must perform to contract, have customer-friendly business practices and stand behind its work.



Only the highest rated pass.

7. COMMITMENT
The company agrees
to adhere to the
Diamond Certified®
Customer Satisfaction
Principles.



If the company's quality rating, business practices and credentials meet our high standards, it is awarded Diamond Certified.

We require ongoing customer satisfaction and performance.



9. MONITOR

We conduct ongoing surveys to ensure the company is maintaining high customer satisfaction and loyalty.



10. MEDIATE

The company agrees to participate in Diamond Certified mediation if necessary.



11. GUARANTEE

The Diamond Certified Performance Guarantee provides added assurance of the company's commitment to customer satisfaction.



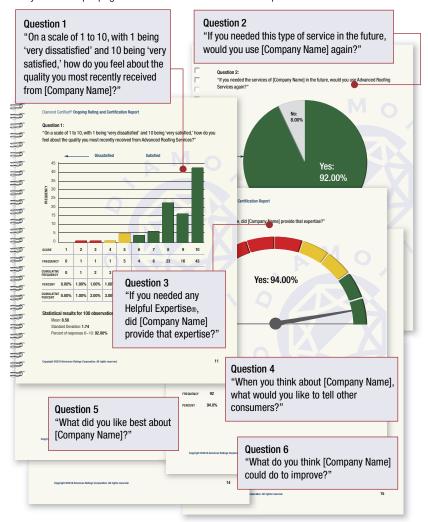
12. QUALITY

Companies that are able to qualify for and maintain their Diamond Certified awards are much more likely to deliver quality to their customers.

2/15/19 was the cutoff date for publishing this directory. Please go to our website to see changes.

Individual Research Reports

Each company, pass or fail, receives a research and rating report with the results of their study. The example pages below show the value of these reports:



Only local companies rated Highest in Quality and Helpful Expertise® earn Diamond Certified and appear in this directory. Each company has undergone at least 30 hours of research and passed every rating step in customer satisfaction, insurance coverage, license, business practices, complaint bureau status and credit for contractors as described on the previous page.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE NOT CONDUCTED: The rating steps that we conduct are described on this page. We do not conduct criminal background checks. If this is important to you when choosing your next service provider, do not hesitate to ask the company representative whether the employees who will be working in your home have passed criminal background checks and if any additional measures will be undertaken to protect your family and your property while work is in process. If you have children, you may also want to review the Megan's Law website. We hope that this information has provided you with an added measure of decision-making power.

Compared to Review Sites

We know review websites can be helpful, but you have to be careful when using them. It's important to understand the key differences between how we conduct research and how review sites collect reviews. While we exclusively conduct telephone surveys from an entire customer base of each rated company, review sites post reviews from any person who chooses to post, which means legitimate, spontaneous reviews are mixed with fake and cherry-picked reviews that come from a company's best customers, family and friends. Due to the accuracy of our ratings, we're able to back your purchases from top rated companies with the Diamond Certified Performance Guarantee, while review sites do not. For these reasons, we naturally encourage consumers to first look to top rated Diamond Certified companies whenever possible.

Most Review Sites Diamond Certified Resource (DCR) Fake Reviews / Multiple Identities **Real Customers** To start each rating, DCR uses a company's Anyone can post an anonymous review, actual customer list. Then DCR only performs whether they were a customer or not. Roughly its surveys by telephone, which allows it 30% of posted reviews are fake. Anyone to verify that each customer has actually can game the system by creating multiple purchased from the company being rated. identities and posting fake reviews to bolster bad companies, or sabotage good ones. Random Sample / All Customers Cherry-Picking Review sites encourage companies to DCR receives all customer names and phone numbers or a large, random sample of ask people to write reviews. Many times, customers (400) from each rated company. owners and employees solicit their families. Company owners can't cherry-pick because friends and best customers to post 5-star of such a large base. Thus, dissatisfied and reviews. This cherry-picking produces satisfied customers are surveyed in true misleading and biased results. proportion to their occurrence. Inaccurate Star Scores Statistically Reliable / Rigorous Each company's "star score" (calculated DCR research is statistically reliable because a large, random sample of customers is by averaging scored reviews) isn't an accurate score for customer satisfaction because pulled from each company's customer reviewers aren't derived from a random sample base. Customers are "interrupted" by phone interviews at home, so there's not a that represents all customers served. Instead, self-selection bias. Ongoing research, customers and non-customers are solicited to write reviews. As such, the results of the review complaint and credentials ratings ensure Diamond Certified companies continue to scoring are not statistically reliable. perform well. Performance Guarantee No Guarantees Should a dispute arise about performance on Most sites don't offer a performance contract. DCR provides mediation and a moneyquarantee. back guarantee per the terms of the Diamond Certified Performance Guarantee (see page 5).

American Ratings Corporation

Who We Are and What We Believe

Our mission is to define excellence and identify for consumers the highest quality local companies. Our team at American Ratings Corporation is the most experienced in the nation in rating and certifying local companies. We are dedicated to ensuring you have confidence in the companies you choose.

We are committed to performing all ratings and ongoing certification work with the highest integrity and accuracy. We believe:

- You the consumer have the right to know which companies are truly performing at the highest level of quality.
- The highest quality companies should be rewarded for their ongoing performance through public recognition.
- Companies should be held accountable for their performance—one customer at a time.



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Your Performance Guarantee

If you're dissatisfied with the performance of a Diamond Certified company and try unsuccessfully to resolve the issue, we're here to help. Initiate mediation within six months of your purchase. If the company fails to honor its contractual obligations, uphold industry standards or participate in good faith to resolve the issue, we will refund your purchase price up to a limit of \$1,000. See the details below or at www.diamondcertified.org.



WHAT WE CAN'T PROMISE—LIMIT OF LIABILITY
The Diamond Certified® symbol is not a promise of a company's future performance or your actual satisfaction with that company. We endeavor to perform the rating process accurately and without bias according to the description supplied by our organization. Furthermore, we believe that the methodology used to ascertain this rating and award Diamond Certified is a fair representation of the qualifying company's high customer satisfaction level during the period of the rating. Since we rely on multiple sources of information and each company's performance can change over time, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information provided herewith. The content and materials provided are provided "As Is" and without warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied. Memberships, awards and affiliations are not independently verified. Under no circumstances, including but not limited to negligence, shall we be liable to you or any other entity for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, or consequential damages. The Diamond Certified symbol does not mean that a certified company will meet every individual's subjective markers for satisfaction. We do back our certification with a Performance Guarantee, which is our sole quarantee provided users of any information related to Diamond Certified.

Read Expert Articles Before You Choose

Visit www.diamondcertified.org to find expertly researched articles about shopping for and buying from local companies across a wide variety of industry categories.





Get the basic facts about each Diamond Certified company in a particular industry, including contact information, key services and areas served.

Become a savvier consumer by accessing helpful articles, tip sheets, videos and blog entries contributed by local Diamond Certified Experts.



This photo gallery showcases Diamond Certified companies' staff, facilities, vehicles and work. As you scroll through the photos, detailed captions give you context and enhance meaning.

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EXPERT CONTRIBUTOR PROFILE



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John Gorman: One Man's Journey

By MATTHEW SOLIS, Senior Editor Diamone

John Gorman has been en joying a successful career in the window and door industry for the past 30 years, but the path he followed to get to his current destination wasn't always clear. In fad, a career in windows wasn't even on... Read more

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How to Choose the Right Window Frames

by John Gorman of

PETALUMA — In the past, homeowners who wanted to replace their windows were somewhat limited in their choices. Today, consumers can choose from a wide variety of window options and find a product that best fits their lifestyle, budget and personal preferences. Here's some information about the most popular styles of window frames on the market today:

Vinyl Window Frames

Vinyl window frames were originally created to replace aluminum, which were the most common frames installed in houses throughout the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Here are a few attributes of vinyl windows:

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EXPERT VIDEO TIP



Video: Three Window Frame Options

with John Gorman of

Complete Video Transcription:

PETALUMA — Host, Sarah Rutan: If you're shopping for windows, you'll need to decide whether to have wood, vinyl, or fiberglass frames. So, we're in staluma with Diamond Certified Expert Contributor, John Gorman of Save Energy Company to find out.

Diamond Certified Expert Contributor, John Gorman: Today I want to talk to you about window frames. When you replace your windows, you have three different options of different window frames you can use; vinyl, wood, and fibergliass... Read more

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Read text versions of the Diamond Certified Expert Video tips.

Dear Savvy Consumer



American Ratings Corporation

Defining Excellence

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Dear Savvy Consumer,

We've all felt the joy of choosing a good local company and, unfortunately, the pain when we mistakenly choose a bad one. The problem is, every company claims to be good, yet despite these glowing claims some provide inconsistent quality while others are downright unscrupulous.

That's why we're proud to present you with the Diamond Certified solution: a directory of only top rated local companies, each guaranteed. Every profiled company has earned the prestigious Diamond Certified and been rated Highest in Quality and Helpful Expertise® in the country's most accurate rating process of local companies.

You won't be fooled by fake reviews and cherry-picked reviews.

By their own admission, roughly 30% of reviews posted to high-volume review sites are fake. Anyone can game the system by creating multiple identities and posting fake reviews to bolster bad companies. Equally as devastating is the fact that review sites encourage company owners to tell family, friends and selected customers to give them 5 stars. This cherry-picking produces misleading and biased results.

We verify by phone that each surveyed customer is real, not cherry-picked.

When you choose a Diamond Certified company, you'll never be fooled by fake or cherry-picked reviews because we verify only real customers are surveyed from a large, random sample of each company's actual customer base. Company owners can't cherry-pick by telling cohorts to post reviews on our site-we don't allow it. That's why all of the 363,000+ surveys we've conducted are by telephone.

Diamond Certified companies are top rated for quality and guaranteed.

Our rigorous rating and certification process starts with the in-depth pass/fail rating of each company's customer satisfaction, license and insurances. Then we continue to monitor each company and complete ongoing customer satisfaction studies. Finally, we stand behind our work by backing your purchase with the Diamond Certified Performance Guarantee (see page 5).

Ratings are updated daily online. Expert advice is there to help you.

We encourage you to visit www.diamondcertified.org, where you can find updated ratings, see verbatim survey responses on each Diamond Certified company, and read thousands of industry-specific expert articles and tips.

Now you can feel confident about your choices. Keep this valuable directory by your phone, and for the best service, let companies know you selected them from the Diamond Certified Directory.

Sincerely,

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does a company have to do to earn Diamond Certified@?

A: Each company must undergo a rigorous rating process and earn a customer satisfaction rating of 90 or higher (on a 100 scale). Companies that score Highest in Quality and Helpful Expertise® and pass verifications for insurance coverage, license, business practices, and complaint bureau status earn Diamond Certified. Most companies can't make the grade.

Q: Why do you say your ratings are more accurate than review sites?

A: Unfortunately, many online review sites are plagued with fake and cherry-picked reviews, where anonymous posters pretend to be customers and reviewed companies solicit their favorite customers to post reviews. Conversely, our ratings are based on statistically reliable research that's derived from a large, random sample of each company's verified customer base. We conduct telephone surveys to ensure we survey only real customers of the company being rated, and we require every Diamond Certified company to pass ongoing research and credential ratings in order to maintain their certification.

Q: What if I have a problem with a Diamond Certified company?

A: Contact the senior manager of the company and explain the problem. Use the original service contract for reference. Describe what reasonable measures the company can take to correct the problem. If the issue remains unresolved, please review the terms of the Diamond Certified Performance Guarantee on page 5 and contact us at (800) 738-1138.

Q: Can a company cheat to earn Diamond Certified?

A: It's possible, but unlikely. A company with low customer satisfaction has a problem hiding that fact because most customers don't bother complaining. We survey a large, random sample of past customers, conduct ongoing research and monitor all complaints received. Companies that fail to keep their customers satisfied are disqualified.

Q: Why don't you tell us which companies don't pass your rating and certification?

A: All companies are guaranteed anonymity in the rating process so they're more likely to apply to be rated. To be safe, use a Diamond Certified company.

Q: Who pays for the rating? How does American Ratings Corporation generate money to cover costs?

A: Companies that go through the rating process pay a rating fee and receive a pass or fail research report. Companies that qualify and earn Diamond Certified pay an annual certification fee, allowing us to monitor the Diamond Certified brand, conduct each company's ongoing customer satisfaction research, provide mediation, back you with the Diamond Certified Performance Guarantee, and educate the public.

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Owner Greg Minnick says the high quality of Fulton Body Shop's work has allowed it to maintain a loyal customer base over the past three decades. "We focus on doing a great job at a good price and leaving each customer absolutely satisfied."

Fulton Body Shop strives to educate its customers not only throughout the repair process, but the insurance process as well. "All our customers need to do is make the initial phone calls to their insurance companies and drop off their cars with us—we can do the rest!" says Mr. Minnick. "We work with all insurance companies, and our customers can get free computerized estimates without making appointments."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"Honesty and integrity are very important to us we do exactly what we say we're going to do and provide the best possible service for every person who visits our shop. Our customers know we're going to do our absolute best when repairing their cars, and that gives them confidence to come back and recommend us to others."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"All of the interactions are always very positive. Greg is really great about getting back to you about your questions. He's very responsive. They contacted my insurance company and handled everything. It was pretty much flawless." -Coleen J.

Less

FULTON BODY SHOP

(707) 639-8801

1012 Fulton Lane Saint Helena, CA 94574





Fulton Body Shop's experienced crew: (L to R) Tyler Moore, Scott Minnick, Danny Minnick and Greg Minnick

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MANAGER

Greg Minnick, Owner

SERVICES

Collision Repair Refinishina Paintless Dent Repair Frame Repair Glass Replacement Detailing

HOURS

Mon – Fri: 8am - 5pm

Free Computerized Estimates

CREDIT CARDS

Discover, MasterCard, Visa

CERTIFICATION/TRAINING

ASE Collision Repair Technician ASE Chief Unitized Body Certified Axalta Cromax Pro Certified Refinisher ASE Chief Full Frame Certified

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/1954

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 200 random customer surveys since December 2012 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION 8 🛮 More Satisfied

Number of Responses

CUSTOMER LOYALTY



"Would you use this company again?"

HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- Workers' Compensation
- Liability Insurance
 - State License No. 126335
- **Current Complaint File**
 - **Business Practices**

NORTH COAST **CARPET CARE. INC.**

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North Coast Carpet Care's fleet of service vehicles

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MANAGER

Cindy Mayer, President

SERVICES

Cleaning, Repairs & Restretching; Commercial & Residential Upholstery Cleaning; Water Damage; Pet Odor Removal & Deodorizing; Tile & Grout/Area Rugs Cleaning; Hardwood Floor Cleaning

HOURS

Mon – Fri: 8am - 5pm Sat: 8am - 1pm

Other: 24/7 Flood Restoration Weekend and Evening Appointments

CREDIT CARDS

Amex, Discover, MasterCard, Visa

CERTIFICATION/TRAINING

Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) Certified

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/124

Number of Responses

orth Coast Carpet Care, Inc. cleans carpets, upholstery, drapes, tile and grout, hardwood floors, area and Oriental rugs, and other furnishings for residential and commercial clients in Napa, Marin, and Sonoma Counties. The family-owned and operated company's process includes pre-spotting, pre-conditioning, and moving and replacing most furniture. In addition to its regular services, it cleans automobile and RV interiors; provides water damage restoration services; repairs and restretches carpets; and offers fiber protection for carpets, upholstery and area rugs.

North Coast Carpet Care's IICRC (Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification) Certified technicians combine stateof-the-art equipment with biodegradable cleaning products to remove all types of stains and odors, including those made by pets. "They're expertly trained to provide outstanding floor care and maintenance," says President Cindy Mayer. "We always guarantee quality work."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"We're truly passionate about our work, and our primary motivation is to maintain our customers' happiness. Our commitment to customer service begins with each client's initial phone call; from there, we establish a professional relationship and communicate how much we truly value their business. It's our goal to retain our repeat customers and continue to build our business by providing outstanding, reliable, value-driven service."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"[I liked] the quality of the job. The carpet was really clean after they left."—Thomas S.

"They were very polite, courteous and helpful. They really did a good job. They were commendable."-James C.



"Would you use this

company again?"

"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?" alifornia Dreaming Construction provides a variety of remodeling services for residential clients in Napa, Sonoma and Marin Counties. The company has the training and equipment to handle everything from small household projects to full-scale kitchen and bathroom remodels, and it's available 24/7 for the convenience of its customers.

Owner Kevin Oliva says his hands-on approach to remodeling has been an important aspect of California Dreaming Construction's success. "I really enjoy the problem-solving side of construction work, and I make sure to explain things as I go along so my clients know what to expect. The more informed they are about the details of their projects, the easier it is for them to make the right decisions."

California Dreaming Construction extends this customer-oriented attitude to its estimation process, which Mr. Oliva says is designed to make clients feel as comfortable as possible. "When I give someone a price for a remodeling service, that's exactly what they pay. I always keep my promises and make sure my clients' needs are met, and they really appreciate that."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"I approach every project with a high level of integrity and do whatever it takes to ensure the work gets done correctly. For me, remodeling is about more than making money—it's about helping my clients improve their homes and providing them with services that exceed their expectations."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"He's meticulous, reliable, very reasonable and an expert at what he does."—Deepak S.

"He's consistent, thoughtful, clean, and he does good work. He doesn't leave a mess."-Roberta G.

CALIFORNIA DREAMING CONSTRUCTION (707) 200-7469

Serving Napa, Sonoma and Marin Counties



A recent kitchen remodeling project by California Dreaming Construction

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MANAGER

Kevin Oliva, Owner

SERVICES

Kitchen & Bathroom Remodeling Small Remodeling Projects

HOURS

Available 24/7

GUARANTEES

1-Year Warranty on Labor

BRANDS

Kohler, Moen, Peerless

EMPLOYEES

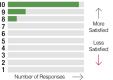
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DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/2348

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 11 random customer surveys since April 2016

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION



CUSTOMER LOYALTY



"Would you use this company again?"

HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- Workers' Compensation
- ✓ Liability Insurance
 - State License No. 657925
- ✓ Current Complaint File
- ✓ Legal & Finance
- Business Practices

PENNY PINCHING CONSTRUCTION & REMODELING (707) 968-7930





Penny Pinching Construction & Remodeling recently completed work on this house and garage project.

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MANAGER

Rick Gudgel, Owner

SERVICES

Residential & Commercial Remodeling & Rebuilding Demolition, Site Excavation & Earthwork

Doors & Windows

Plumbing

Carpentry

Painting Fire Restoration

HOURS

Mon - Fri: 8am - 5pm 24-Hour Emergency Service

CREDIT CARDS

Discover, MasterCard, Visa

GUARANTEES

1-Year Warranty on Craftsmanship & Workmanship

Manufacturers' Warranties on Products

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/2100

enny Pinching Construction & Remodeling provides a wide range of construction services for residential and commercial clients throughout Napa County. The company utilizes its diverse capabilities to handle every aspect of the remodeling and rebuilding process, from plumbing work to finish carpentry.

Owner Rick Gudgel says his hands-on involvement in Penny Pinching Construction & Remodeling makes a significant difference in terms of quality and customer satisfaction. "I don't just own the company; I work right in the field. I also work closely with my clients and communicate clearly with them so I can make sure I'm keeping my promises."

In addition to building, Penny Pinching Construction & Remodeling offers demolition, site excavation, fire restoration and earthwork services. Regardless of the type of work that's being performed, Mr. Gudgel says customer satisfaction is his number one priority. "I really enjoy pleasing my customers and seeing how happy they are with the end results of my work."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"My clients can count on me to provide highquality work, clear communication and friendly service. I utilize my industry knowledge to ensure a positive experience for every customer. No job is too big or small-if a client can dream it, I can build it."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"He was capable of doing all the work we presented to him and he was a master at all of it. We were very satisfied."—Peggy K.

"He's a real craftsman and he has done wonderful carpentry in my home. He's done a beautiful job in a very difficult situation." –Linda P.

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 50 random customer surveys since December 2013 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

CUSTOMER LOYALTY



"Would you use this company again?"

HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

COMPANY CREDENTIALS

- ✓ Workers' Compensation
- Liability Insurance State License No. 952820
- Current Complaint File
- Legal & Finance Business Practices

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handler Construction offers a wide range of construction services to residential and commercial clients throughout Napa County. The company has the in-house capabilities to handle everything from remodels and additions to foundation replacements and structural repairs, and it also provides and installs pre-engineered steel buildings and works on historical renovations.

President Voldi Chandler says Chandler Construction's ability to communicate with its clients during every phase of their projects is a key component of its success. "We're very forthright with our customers and make sure they're aware of any changes that occur over the course of their jobs. We want them to feel completely secure working with us, and keeping them well-informed is the best way to do that."

Chandler Construction provides each job with a small crew comprised of highly skilled professionals, which Mr. Chandler says makes the company work more efficiently. "We also only use prequalified subcontractors who we know will uphold our high standards of quality. Everyone who works here is dedicated to ensuring our clients have great experiences and achieve their goals."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"Our goal is to turn every client into a repeat customer who recommends us to their friends and family, so we give them exactly what we promise and do whatever it takes to ensure their satisfaction. At the end of the day, the best part of our job is seeing how happy our customers are with their finished products."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"I have used them plenty of times with great results. We have a couple of other agents who have used them and they have always done great work."—Jan K.

CHANDLER CONSTRUCTION

(707) 584-6579

Serving Napa County





A recent addition project by Chandler Construction

WEBSITE

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MANAGER

Voldi Chandler, President

SERVICES

Residential & Commercial Remodeling Foundations & Structural Repairs Home Additions

Steel Buildings

Turnkey Construction Wineries

HOURS

Mon – Fri: 8am – 5pm

CREDIT CARDS

Amex, Discover, MasterCard, Visa

GUARANTEES

1-Year Warranty on Workmanship & Materials

BRANDS

Capital Steel Industries

EMPLOYEES

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DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/2470

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 25 random customer surveys since October 2017 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION CUSTOMER LOYALTY HELPFUL EXPERTISE® COMPANY CREDENTIALS

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION C

Number of Responses

GUSTUWER LUTALITY

"Would you use this company again?"

96%

"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- Workers' Compensation
- ✓ Liability Insurance
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- ✓ Current Complaint File
- ✓ Legal & Finance
- Business Practices

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SERVICES

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Design, Refinishing & Repair

HOURS

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GUARANTEES

Lifetime Warranty on Workmanship

BRANDS

Zuri, Armadillo, Americana, Cutek Extreme

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/1513

Number of Responses

eckmaster Fine Decks, Inc. designs and builds decks to blend with the architecture of its customers' houses and integrate with their landscapes, which results in outdoor living spaces that are inviting, durable and functional. The company also designs and builds patio covers, and it offers expert deck repair and refinishing that can add years of life to existing decks.

Founder Weston Leavens started building decks and patio covers in the early 1980s, and today he puts his decades of inventiveness and awardwinning skill to work creating outdoor living spaces throughout the Bay Area. Mr. Leavens is also the inventor of the revolutionary Deckmaster Hidden Fastening System, which was the first hidden fastener on the market. "We always use hidden fastening for our decks," he says. "Whether they're ultra low-maintenance composites or thermally modified ash, hidden fastening gives decks the very best appearance and longevity."

Mr. Leavens is a past winner of the National Redwood Deck contest, and in 2008 he won the "Build a Deck, Win a Deck" contest sponsored by the California Redwood Association.

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"We take pride in our excellent listening skills—as our clients explain their visions, we interpret what they want and blend it with the realistic possibilities of their sites. Our goal is to create sturdy, elegant, aesthetically pleasing structures that last for generations."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"When they gave me the price it was still competitive, even though it was higher quality than everybody else."—Frank L.

"They are very professional and the deck is of high quality."—Carol P.

Business Practices

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 126 random customer surveys since February 2009 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION CUSTOMER LOYALTY HELPFUL EXPERTISE® COMPANY CREDENTIALS Liability Insurance State License No. 827981 Current Complaint File Legal & Finance

"Would you use this

company again?"

"Did the company provide

Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

nights' Electric, Inc. is a full-service electrical contractor building relationships with residential and commercial clients throughout the North Bay. As one of the area's premier custom home electrical installers, the company is committed to its clients and their dream homes. Its knowledgeable staff can assist with home automation, audio/visual installations, lighting and more.

Knights' Electric offers design/build services for commercial/industrial and winery electrical installations, as well as new construction, remodeling and retrofit projects. Owners Barbara Ragsdale, Rob Knight, and Art Knight say listening to their clients' needs and helping them plan for the future in order to save time and money are essential parts of the relationship process.

Knights' Electric also provides energized maintenance and arc flash studies to prevent costly electrical failures and downtime while monitoring and maintaining power quality for any facility. The company's service department is on-call 24/7 for customers' convenience.

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"We're committed to providing our customers with innovative electrical systems and high-quality service. Our ultimate goal has remained the same since our inception: to meet our clients' needs with professionalism and excellent workmanship."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"They do a good job. They're prompt, honest, and their prices are reasonable."-Gene G.

"They were here when they said they would be and completed the project."-Sue H.

"It was easy to make an appointment and their service was prompt."-Karen C.

"They were prompt and they got the job done quickly."-Debbie B.

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CREDIT CARDS

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DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT www.dccert.org/126

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 371 random customer surveys since July 2002 CUSTOMER LOYALTY

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION 8 7 More Satisfied Less

Number of Responses

"Would you use this company again?"



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- Workers' Compensation
- Liability Insurance
 - State License No. 432135
- Current Complaint File
- Legal & Finance
- **Business Practices**

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HOURS

Mon – Fri: 8am - 5pm

CREDIT CARDS

Discover, MasterCard, Visa

BRANDS

Ameristar, Bufftech, Trex, Xcel

EMPLOYEES

20

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/111

rbor Fence, Inc. designs and installs a variety of fencing products for residential and commercial clients in all of Napa County and parts of Sonoma County. The familyowned and operated company uses materials such as wood, vinyl, chain link, pipe and wire to create its fences, which can be used for numerous applications, including protecting properties from animals and enclosing pools. It also builds retaining walls and installs custom gates.

Owner Ron Wooden established Arbor Fence to build reliable fences and gates that could withstand California's unpredictable climate and last for many years. Mr. Wooden says he's proud to work alongside two of his children, Genevieve Van Bebber and Wil Wooden, who've been around the company since they were children. "Our entire family considers it our personal responsibility to provide excellent customer care and quality workmanship."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"We work extremely hard to make our customers happy with everything we do, from meticulously setting up each job to working diligently throughout every step of the construction process. We do our best to remain flexible and accommodate clients' changes, and we never leave a jobsite until they're completely satisfied."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"I like their honesty and quality. They stick to their word."-Elaine D.

"I liked everything about them. The crew was knowledgeable. They worked very hard. They used good materials. The customer service was great."-Karen M.

"They have a good product at a good price. It was a great experience and my neighbors love it, too."—Jo Ann J.





CUSTOMER LOYALTY



company again?"



HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- Workers' Compensation
- Liability Insurance State License No. 543558
- **Current Complaint File**
- Legal & Finance
- **Business Practices**

C Garage Door Center provides, installs and repairs garage doors for residential clients in Napa, Solano, and Contra Costa Counties. The company's Suisun City showroom features a wide variety of door products made by industry leaders like LiftMaster and Carriage House Door Company, and its technicians are available 24/7 to handle emergency repairs.

Owner Juan Caballero says JC Garage Door Center's customer-oriented business practices have allowed it to maintain a loyal clientele base that's quick to refer the company to others. "We don't just try to sell doors to our customers—we take the time to educate them about the products they have in their homes and show them how to keep them in good shape. Our clients know we're not going to push them toward things they don't need, and they really appreciate that type of honesty."

IC Garage Door Center's meticulous approach to quality control includes providing every job with the hands-on expertise of Mr. Caballero himself. "My sons do all the installations and repairs, and they're well-trained and know how to do the job correctly, but I still recheck everything to make sure it's perfect," he says. "By going the extra mile, we're able to ensure the long-term satisfaction of our customers."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"Our clients always come first, no matter what. They keep our business alive, so we do everything we can to meet their needs and accommodate their schedules. Ultimately, we want them to think of us as a great company that always does a great job."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"They were very knowledgeable, helpful, and they worked around my schedule." –Alfredo H.

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HOURS

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CREDIT CARDS

Discover, MasterCard, Visa

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/2380

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 151 random customer surveys since August 2016 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION



CUSTOMER LOYALTY



"Would you use this company again?"

HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- Workers' Compensation
- Liability Insurance
 - State License No. 937158
- Current Complaint File
- Legal & Finance
- **Business Practices**

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CREDIT CARDS

Amex, Discover, MasterCard, Visa

EMPLOYEES

14

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/1785

oor Pros provides a wide range of garage door services for residential and commercial customers throughout the Greater Bay Area and the Greater Sacramento Area, handling everything from spring, cable and hardware repairs to automatic door opener installations and door panel replacements.

Owner Josh Camilleri credits Door Pros' success to its highly experienced and dedicated technicians, all of whom are trained to use the latest industry technology and techniques. "We've been growing steadily over the past few years, but our employees still have the same attitudes and business ethics as when we started," he says. "Our goal has always been to keep our customers happy by providing excellent services that exceed their expectations, and that's what we continue to do."

Door Pros is known for its comprehensive same-day repair services, which are designed to maximize turnaround time without compromising quality of workmanship. "Our ability to quickly handle problems is an important asset," confirms Mr. Camilleri. "When customers see we're able to expertly fix their doors and install new hardware in one day, they feel confident about calling us again and referring us to others."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"We take great pride in the craftsmanship and dedication we put into every project. Our attention to detail has always made us stand out in our industry and has allowed us to develop a positive reputation with our clientele. Ultimately, we want each customer to have a positive experience that extends throughout every phase of their garage door project."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"The price was right and the quality of their work was superior."—Jenn R.



6

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Number of Responses

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

More Satisfied

Less

CUSTOMER LOYALTY



HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- Workers' Compensation
- Liability Insurance
- State License No. 958861
- - Current Complaint File
- Legal & Finance

Owners Paul Irwin, Jeff Alcayaga and Gary Awai credit Bell Products' customer-oriented business approach for its six-plus decades of success. "Our founder, Joe Bell, believed in the importance of creating lifelong relationships with customers, and we're proud to maintain that legacy," says Mr. Irwin. "We're truly a customer-driven company, so we treat every project like it was our own and strive to make our clients happy throughout every step of the process."

Bell Products strives to maximize convenience for its customers by providing 24/7 emergency repair services and offering various extended warranties that are customized to meet their specific heating and cooling needs. "Our comprehensive warranties ensure our customers will enjoy a lifetime of trouble-free service and operation," says Mr. Irwin. "If there's ever a problem with one of our heating or air conditioning systems, we'll make it right."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"We've built our business based on honesty and integrity, and that's exactly how we treat our clients. We approach every project with a 'can do' attitude and utilize our expertise to improve each customer's indoor air quality as much as possible."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"They're really the best there is. The quality is unsurpassed. They've been around a while and they will continue to be here."—Irene D.

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HOURS

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CREDIT CARDS

Amex, Discover, MasterCard, Visa

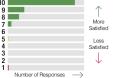
GUARANTEES

Manufacturers' Warranties on Products

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT www.dccert.org/1938

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 225 random customer surveys since November 2012

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION



CUSTOMER LOYALTY



"Would you use this company again?"

HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- Workers' Compensation
- ✓ Liability Insurance
- ✓ State License No. 171534
- State License No. 171534
- Current Complaint FileLegal & Finance
- Business Practices

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HOURS

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GUARANTEES 10-Year Warranty on Parts

2-Year Warranty on Labor

BRANDS Ruud

EMPLOYEES

2

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/2514

Bay Area Home Services installs and repairs all types of HVAC systems for residential and commercial clients in Napa, Solano and Contra Costa Counties. In addition to working on equipment that's designed to improve indoor air quality, the company is qualified to install solar systems, water heaters, electrical systems, windows and more.

Owner Christopher Morimoto attributes much of Bay Area Home Services' success to its honest, customer-oriented approach to each project. "Our clients appreciate us because we're on time, clean and upfront about what they need," he says. "By taking the time to educate them about their systems and showing them the best options for their situations, we're able to ensure their long-term satisfaction."

Bay Area Home Services prioritizes communication throughout every phase of its work, which Mr. Morimoto says is important for establishing trust with everyone involved. "We always call our clients to keep them informed about their projects and follow up to make sure they're happy. That really makes us stand out in this industry—our customers know we truly care about ensuring they have the best possible experiences."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"We're dedicated to providing personalized services and cost-effective solutions that enhance our clients' quality of life. We hold ourselves to the highest standards and strive to exceed our customers' expectations in everything we do. Through honesty, integrity and professionalism, we aim to become their comfort contractor for life."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"They were respectful, on time and courteous. They walked us through the steps of the process and returned our phones calls quickly. I really enjoyed the service."—Hugo B.



$\textbf{DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD} \ \text{based on } \textbf{10} \ \text{random customer surveys since January 2019}$

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

CUSTOMER LOYALTY



"Would you use this company again?"

HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- ✓ Workers' Compensation
- Liability Insurance
- State License No. 903443
 Current Complaint File
- Legal & Finance
- ed?" 🗸 Business Practices

Owner Kevin Oliva says his hands-on approach to remodeling has been an important aspect of California Dreaming Construction's success. "I really enjoy the problem solving side of construction work, and I make sure to explain things as I go along so my clients know what to expect. The more informed they are about the details of their projects, the easier it is for them to make the right decisions."

California Dreaming Construction extends this customer-oriented attitude to its estimation process, which Mr. Oliva says is designed to make clients feel as comfortable as possible. "When I give someone a price for a remodeling service, that's exactly what they pay. I always keep my promises and make sure my clients' needs are met, and they really appreciate that."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"I approach every project with a high level of integrity and do whatever it takes to ensure the work gets done correctly. For me, remodeling is about more than making money—it's about helping my clients improve their homes and providing them with services that exceed their expectations."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"He's meticulous, reliable, very reasonable and an expert at what he does."—Deepak S.

More

Less

"He's consistent, thoughtful, clean, and he does good work. He doesn't leave a mess."-Roberta G.

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SERVICES

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HOURS

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GUARANTEES

1-Year Warranty on Labor

BRANDS

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EMPLOYEES

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/2348

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 11 random customer surveys since April 2016 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION 8 Satisfied

Number of Responses

CUSTOMER LOYALTY



"Would you use this company again?"

HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- Workers' Compensation
- Liability Insurance
- State License No. 657925
- **Current Complaint File**
- Legal & Finance
- **Business Practices**

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HOURS

Mon – Sun: 6am – 6pm

EMPLOYEES

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DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/1399

D Painting and Services, Inc. provides a wide range of interior and exterior painting services for residential and commercial clients throughout Napa and Solano Counties. In addition to painting everything from single rooms to entire homes and businesses, the family-owned and operated company performs texturing, acoustic removals and repairs, deck and fence staining, power washing, line striping, gutter cleaning, and more. It also assists in color selection and only uses high-quality paints from leading manufacturers such as Kelly-Moore and Sherwin-Williams.

Owners Derrick and Kully Barker are journeyman craftspeople with a mutual desire for creating beautiful work and providing exceptional customer service. The Barkers lead a team of like-minded employees who love their work and take personal pride in every job. "Our team members have years of experience, which allows them to work rapidly without ever rushing or taking shortcuts," says Derrick Barker.

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"We take great pride in our work and really care about what each customer wants. We're accessible and always return calls promptly. If something isn't right, we'll fix it immediately. Our goal is to make the entire home improvement process a positive experience for everyone involved."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"I have used them for quite a while and their quality control is excellent. They also have exceptional communication and responsiveness."—Larry J.

"They are very thorough, upfront, honest, and they make sure the job is done correctly. They check with me to make sure I don't have any complaints or issues."—Lisa S.

"They are timely, always available and very customer-oriented."—Laurie

CUSTO

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 149 random customer surveys since August 2008

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

Number of Responses

CUSTOMER LOYALTY



"Would you use this company again?"

HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- Workers' Compensation
- Liability Insurance
- State License No. 821352
- Current Complaint File
- ✓ Legal & Finance
- Business Practices

Operations Manager Felipe Montanez says Hydrex Pest Control of the North Bay's responsive customer service has been an important aspect of its success. "When people call us, they don't get transferred to someone in another state-rather, they're directly connected to someone in our home office. By developing positive relationships with our clients, we're able to gain a thorough understanding of their problems and come up with effective solutions."

Hvdrex Pest Control of the North Bay works closely with local beekeepers to safely relocate hives and preserve colonies of honey bees. Additionally, the company is equipped to deal with bed bug infestations and utilizes effective methods that significantly reduce the possibility of further infestations.

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"Our goal is to provide effective, long-term solutions to our clients' pest problems. We pride ourselves on offering high-quality workmanship and conscientious customer service, and we treat every home and property with respect."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"They can guarantee that you won't have anything you don't want in your house. They're the complete bug company and I would highly recommend them."-Charles M.

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HOURS

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CREDIT CARDS

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CERTIFICATION/TRAINING

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DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT www.dccert.org/2132

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 192 random customer surveys since February 2014 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION 8 7 More Satisfied Less

Number of Responses

CUSTOMER LOYALTY

"Would you use this company again?"

HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



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- State Lic No. 639, 30472 **Current Complaint File**
 - Business Practices

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HOURS

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GUARANTEES

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EMPLOYEES

95

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/1542

enjamin Franklin Plumbing provides 24/7 plumbing services and repairs for residential clients throughout the Greater Bay Area. In addition to fixing drains, sinks, toilets, disposals and other household plumbing appliances, the company cleans sewers, maintains water heaters (including tankless and solar), repipes water delivery lines and more.

Owner Daniel Gagne is a second-generation plumbing professional who began his career when he was 18 years old. He started his own business in 1995 with his brother, Patrick. After working on new construction and remodeling projects for five years, the brothers joined the Benjamin Franklin Plumbing franchise in 2001. The brand name has since expanded to become part of a nationwide franchise organization owned by Clockwork Home Services Inc., but Mr. Gagne still independently operates his company.

Benjamin Franklin Plumbing offers a punctuality promise that refunds clients \$5 for every minute its technicians arrive past scheduled start times (up to \$300). "Being on time is very important for us," says Mr. Gagne. "It's reflected in our motto: 'If there's any delay, it's you we pay!" The company's plumbing professionals undergo extensive in-house training to keep updated on installation and repair techniques, and they're all required to pass rigorous background checks and drug tests.

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"Our punctuality promise assures we'll show up to every job on schedule, and we back our work with a 100 percent money-back guarantee to make sure it's done correctly the first time. We want our customers to be completely happy with our services, and if they're not, they don't pay-it's that simple."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"They were prompt, efficient and crystal clear about what they were doing."-Bob V.

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 274 random customer surveys since June 2009 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION CUSTOMER LOYALTY **HELPFUL EXPERTISE®** COMPANY CREDENTIALS 10 ▮ 8 Liability Insurance More Satisfied 6

Less "Would you use this company again?" Number of Responses

"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- Workers' Compensation
- State License No. 857357
- **Current Complaint File** Legal & Finance
- **Business Practices**

Mr. Lee says much of his firm's success can be attributed to his responsive, customer-oriented approach to real estate. "My clients know they can get in contact with me whenever they have questions, and that makes them feel more comfortable with the process. I utilize my expertise to overcome challenges and come up with solutions that lead to positive results."

As a real estate veteran with nearly four decades of industry experience, Mr. Lee draws upon his extensive knowledge of the local area to help clients find properties that meet their specific needs. "For example, I provide community reports that contain useful information about nearby schools and businesses," he says. "My clients really appreciate how much I focus on helping them thrive in their new communities."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"I want my clients to have golden experiences that turn them into lifelong fans. Their needs always come first, and by keeping myself accessible, being a good listener and communicator, and responding quickly to their concerns, I'm able to ensure they get exactly what they're looking for."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"He was very professional. He knows his business inside and out. He is articulate, a hard worker, and he goes above and beyond."-Ruth C.

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EMPLOYEES

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/2423

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 64 random customer surveys since January 2017 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION 8 More Satisfied Less

Number of Responses

CUSTOMER LOYALTY



"Would you use this company again?"

HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- Workers' Compensation
- Liability Insurance
- State Lic. No. 00689373
 - State Lic. No. 01820911 **Current Complaint File**
- **Business Practices**

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Maintenance & Gutter Services Reroofing

HOURS

8am - 5pm (Office) Mon – Fri:

Mon - Sun: 7am - 7pm (Estimates)

CREDIT CARDS

Amex, Discover, MasterCard, Visa

EMPLOYEES

42

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

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orthern California Roofing Co. provides a wide range of roof construction and repair services for residential and commercial clients throughout Northern California. The company handles everything from waterproofing and reroofing to inspections and cleaning, and it's a certified installer for several leading manufacturers, including GAF and CertainTeed.

Before establishing Northern California Roofing, owner Gregory T. Lynn ran a large residential and commercial roofing company in Chicago with his brother. After visiting California, he decided to relocate and apply his roofing skills amidst more favorable weather.

Northern California Roofing prefers to educate its customers throughout the roofing process, from explaining various choices during the estimating phase to providing samples before a final decision is made. "We pay special attention to the little details so our customers don't have to," says Mr. Lynn. "Our expert roofers remain in constant contact with their supervisors to ensure every job is done right."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"We're dedicated to providing superior customer service and maintaining our high levels of client satisfaction. We take great pride in our status as a 'one-stop contractor' in the roofing industry, and we strive to always exceed our customers' expectations."

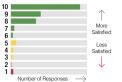
EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"They met all of my expectations, and they also helped out when I had some extraordinary needs."-Bob M.

"They were very thorough and provided good customer service. They have a lot of knowledge." –Iolselito S.

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 298 random customer surveys since January 2008 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

CUSTOMER LOYALTY



"Would you use this company again?"

HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- ✓ Workers' Compensation
- Liability Insurance
- State License No. 593448 Current Complaint File
- Legal & Finance
- Business Practices

Co-owner Byron White says Top Priority Roofing's ability to handle a wide range of roofing issues has been a key factor in its success. "Since we're experienced in so many different types of roofs, we can resolve a lot of roofing concerns right on the spot. We want every customer to feel comfortable knowing we're the first and last company they need to call."

Top Priority Roofing emphasizes clear communication in every aspect of its work, from keeping clients informed about scheduling changes to educating them about maintenance steps that will extend the lifespans of their roofs. "Our goal at the beginning of each project is to ensure the client gets exactly what they want, and communication is an important part of that," says co-owner David Drowty. "They really appreciate how closely we work with them throughout the process."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"We believe that if we follow the rules and put our customers first, our business will sell itself. Quality and integrity are very important to us—we focus on getting the job done correctly and doing whatever we can to make sure each client is happy."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"They were great and able to solve an urgent issue that came up unexpectedly."—Bryce W.

"They are honest and clean, and they really helped us decide what we wanted. They did an excellent job."—Trish

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Serving the Bay Area



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MANAGER

Byron White and David Drowty, Owners

SERVICES

Roof Installation, Repair & Restoration Seamless Gutters Storm Damage Repair Standing Seam, Sheet Metal, Flat, TPO, PVC & Composition Shingle Roofs

HOURS

Mon – Fri: 7am – 5pm

CREDIT CARDS

Amex, Discover, MasterCard, Visa

GUARANTEES

2-Year Warranty on Service Repairs Manufacturers' Warranties on Products

CERTIFICATION/TRAINING

GAF Master Elite Certified Authorized Applicator of GE Momentive & ProGuard Building Roofing Coatings

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DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 13 random customer surveys since February 2019

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION 10 9 8 7 6 Satisfied 5

Number of Responses

CUSTOMER LOYALTY



"Would you use this company again?"

HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



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 - State License No. 1048006
- Current Complaint File
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- Business Practices

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Owner Steve Ramirez secures a customer's vehicle to his flatbed tow truck.

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SERVICES

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HOURS

Mon – Fri: 8am - 6pm 24/7 Emergency Service Available

CREDIT CARDS

MasterCard Visa

EMPLOYEES

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DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

More Satisfied

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amirez Tow provides towing services for medium and heavy duty vehicles throughout Napa and Solano Counties. The family-owned and operated company utilizes its sizeable fleet of flatbed/lowbed trailers and tow trucks to handle a wide variety of towing situations, and it's also qualified to perform overload adjustments on commercial trucks that need to be cleared at weigh stations before reaching their destinations.

Owner Steve Ramirez says Ramirez Tow's ability to effectively communicate with its customers has been a crucial aspect of its success. "We're big on communication—we let our customers know right away if we're able to help them, and we keep them informed of our progress so they can plan accordingly. They know they can always get in contact with us, which makes them feel more comfortable in stressful situations."

Ramirez Tow can also provide temporary storage services at its Suisun City facility, which Mr. Ramirez says is another way the company strives to make emergency vehicle situations as stress-free as possible for its customers. "We're here to help our customers and build positive relationships with them, so if we're able to help them by keeping their damaged vehicles at our shop for a little while, we're happy to do it."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"Our goal is to provide the best customer service in every situation. We want our customers to rely on us any time they need towing services-their needs always come first and we make every effort to do right by them."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"Any time I have ever worked with them, they were very quick to respond. They always got me out of a bind when I needed help in a tough situation."-K.E.

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 175 random customer surveys since September 2014 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION 10 ▮

Number of Responses

CUSTOMER LOYALTY



company again?"

HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

COMPANY CREDENTIALS

- Workers' Compensation
 - Liability Insurance
- State License No. 21678
- Current Complaint File
- Business Practices

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Co-owner Jacob Schneider credits much of Pacific Tree Care's success to its honest, forthright approach to dealing with clients. "Simply put, we do exactly what we say we're going to do, when we say we're going to do it," he says. "We communicate clearly throughout every step of every job, and our clients appreciate that. They know we really care about trees, so they trust us to take care of their yards."

Pacific Tree Care also offers custom milling services that allow clients to turn viable trees into lumber that can be reused to create furniture, fences, deck boards and other useful products. "If a homeowner has an old redwood tree that's falling into their yard, for example, we can take that tree down and turn it into lumber for a beautiful deck," says Mr. Schneider. "It's just another way we strive to add value to our clients' homes."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"Our goal is to educate our clients so they can make informed decisions about their trees. Through excellent planning, comprehensive education and proper tree care practices, we promote the health and longevity of our clients' trees."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"They do a good job every time they are here. They clean up very well afterward. They are very polite and nice. They are a joy to have working on my property."-Ann M.

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SERVICES

Forest Thinning Prunina Custom Milling Consulting Brush Chippina Cabling & Bracing Underbrush Clearing Removal & Stump Grinding

HOURS

Mon - Fri: 8am - 4:30pm

CREDIT CARDS

Amex, MasterCard, Visa

Root Zone Maintenance

EMPLOYEES

CERTIFICATION/TRAINING

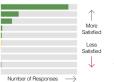
ISA Certified Arborists

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/1916

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 225 random customer surveys since October 2012

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION 8



CUSTOMER LOYALTY



"Would you use this company again?"

HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- Workers' Compensation
- Liability Insurance
- State License No. 672522
- **Current Complaint File**
 - Legal & Finance
- **Business Practices**

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Gonzalo and Sherry Salinas, Owners

SERVICES

Water Well Drilling Pump System Design Installation & Service Water Treatment & Storage Systems

HOURS

Mon - Fri: 8am - 4:30pm24-Hour Emergency Service

CREDIT CARDS

MasterCard Visa

BRANDS

Grundfos, Goulds Pumps, Berkeley Pumps, Franklin Electric, Hitachi, Turbi-Float, Amtrol, FLEXcon

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT

www.dccert.org/2453

cLean & Williams, Inc. provides a complete range of water well and pump services for residential, commercial, and agricultural clients throughout Napa County. The family-owned and operated company has the training and equipment to handle everything from water well drilling to pump installation and service.

Co-owner Sherry Salinas says McLean & Williams' long-standing reputation in its community has allowed it to develop and maintain a loyal clientele base. "This company was founded in 1949, so we've been able to grow alongside the industry and provide our clients with the highest quality service. We're currently in our fourth generation of family ownership, and we're excited to pass our legacy to the fifth generation and continue to operate as an honest company that has great relationships with customers."

McLean & Williams prioritizes jobsite cleanliness on every project, which co-owner Gonzalo Salinas says is important for ensuring customer satisfaction. "When we leave a jobsite, we strive to leave it in better condition than when we arrived. We take a lot of pride in the quality of our service, so we focus on making sure each aspect of our work is the best it can be."

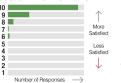
COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"Our goal is to have a great relationship with every client, so we're always honest with them and make sure they're completely satisfied. Ultimately, we want to do such a good job that the next time a customer needs their well or pump serviced, there's no question about who they're going to call."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"[I liked] their professional level of craftsmanship. They did a really good job."-Q.L.V.

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 126 random customer surveys since August 2017 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION 10 ▮



CUSTOMER LOYALTY



company again?"

HELPFUL EXPERTISE®



"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- Workers' Compensation
- Liability Insurance State License No. 396352
- Current Complaint File
- Legal & Finance
- **Business Practices**

Owners Tom and Roberta Javorina say American Window Systems' team is dedicated to making each client's window installation experience a positive one. "Our sales staff is trained to help clients choose products that fit their needs and budgets, and our lead installers bring more than 50 years of combined industry experience to every job," says Mrs. Javorina. "We work efficiently, carefully and respectfully to complete projects on schedule."

American Window Systems emphasizes the importance of customer satisfaction—approximately 80 percent of the company's work comes from referrals, and Mrs. Javorina says it has enjoyed a complaintfree streak on its contractor's license of more than 35 years. "Our success is based on three factors: quality service, superior products and competitive prices."

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

"We don't believe in using high-pressure sales tactics. Our initial estimates are competitive and fair; we won't start with an inflated price and try to coerce business by offering discounts. We respect our clients and take care of their needs throughout the entirety of their projects."

EXCERPTED SURVEY RESPONSES

"This is the second time we've used them, so I had confidence that I was working with real professionals-people I could trust."-Beverly E.

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SERVICES

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HOURS

Mon – Fri: 8am - 5pm

CREDIT CARDS

Amex, MasterCard, Visa

GUARANTEES

5-Year Minimum Warranty, Varies With Brand Installed (Up to Lifetime)

BRANDS

All Weather, AA, Cascade, Simonton, Tru-Frame, PlyGem, Kolbe, Western Window Systems, Simpson Door Company, WeatherShield, Velux

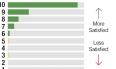
CERTIFICATION/TRAINING

EPA Lead-Safe Certified Renovator

DIAMOND CERTIFIED COMPANY REPORT www.dccert.org/1635

DIAMOND CERTIFIED RATINGS DASHBOARD based on 250 random customer surveys since April 2010 **CUSTOMER LOYALTY** CUSTOMER SATISFACTION **HELPFUL EXPERTISE®**

Number of Responses





"Would you use this company again?"



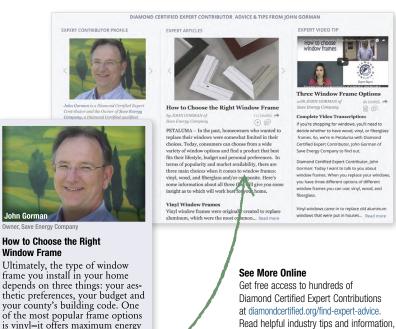
"Did the company provide Helpful Expertise® if needed?"

- Workers' Compensation
- Liability Insurance
 - State License No. 786698
- **Current Complaint File**
- Legal & Finance
- **Business Practices**

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Owner, Valley Oak Landscaping, Inc.

Drip Irrigation Tip

To protect your drip irrigation system from sources of damage like sunlight and wildlife, it's best to install it beneath, rather than above, the soil. Besides providing protection, burying a drip system situates it closer to plants' root zones, which minimizes evaporation and makes for even more efficient watering.

To read full article and more, visit: www.dccert.org/gregbaker



President, Chandler Construction

Buying an Antique Home

Before buying an antique home, check the condition of its foundation. While some signs of foundation issues are obvious (such as large cracks), others are more subtle. For example, fine salt crystal buildup indicates saltwater was used in the foundation mix, a faulty practice that has long been discontinued.

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Owner, Benjamin Franklin Plumbing

Water Heater Maintenance

A crucial plumbing maintenance step is to drain your water heater's tank once a year. This is important because of all the sediment in the water, which tends to collect and sit at the bottom of the tank. If this isn't routinely flushed, your water heater will gradually become less efficient and may even develop a leak at its base.

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Vice President, Vantreo Insurance Brokerage

Digital Insurance Platforms

One benefit of digital insurance platforms is they give employees 24/7 access to health plan information, including coverage, copays and preferred providers. That way, if they forget their insurance card or want to find a new doctor, they can log in online (or better yet, tap on their smartphone app) to get the needed information.

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Owner, NorthBay Environmental, Inc.

Cleaning With Bleach

While bleach is an effective cleaner and sanitizer, it's also a toxic chemical, so be sure to follow the proper procedure when using it to clean your home. Most importantly, dilute it to a 10 percent bleach/90 percent water solution, which will provide ample cleaning power without any hazardous side effects.

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Owner, Deckmaster Fine Decks, Inc

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If you're looking for a composite deck material that offers the best of both aesthetics and performance, consider Zuri® Premium Decking by Royal[®]. In addition to imitating natural wood more closely than other composite products, Zuri decking offers superior durability and is engineered to resist heat gain from direct sunlight.

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Buying Extra Time for a 1031 Exchange

A 1031 exchange can be a stressful transaction, especially given the limited time frame you have to complete it. One strategy for buying additional time is to find and reserve your replacement property first, via an option agreement. That way, you can sell your original property without having to rush to find a replacement.

To read full article and more, visit: www.dccert.org/ronlee



Owner, Gabe's Auto Care Center

Timing System Components

Besides the timing belt, there are several components that make up an engine's timing system, including an idler pulley that spins, a water pump that rides with the timing belt and cam seals behind the gears. All of these components should be changed out along with your timing belt at the time of replacement.

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Vice President, Viking Pavers

Paver Installation Warranties

Poured concrete installations rarely come with warranties due to the expectation that they'll form cracks. In contrast, a paver driveway or patio typically comes with a lifetime manufacturer warranty and a 25-year installer warranty. Before hiring an installer, ask what warranties they provide.

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Owner, High Definition Designs

Home Theater Tip

When installing a new home theater, think about who will be using it. If the system is going to be used by various members of your household, make sure everyone knows how to operate the remote control-otherwise, the wrong buttons will get pressed, which could undo your programmed settings.

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Project Manager, McLean & Williams, Inc.

Annual Groundwater System Service

While it's important to contact your groundwater system manager when unusual conditions arise. it's also a good idea to schedule an annual service and inspection. This will give your manager a chance to service the filter and other system components, as well as inspect the condition of the water tanks and check the pressure.

To read full article and more, visit: www.dccert.org/shaneragan



LED Lighting Benefit

While LED bulbs are available in retrofitted form (which enables them to fit into incandescent lighting fixtures), they work best in specialized fixtures. LED technology is rapidly superseding incandescent lighting, so converting your home's light fixtures is a smart long-term investment.

To read full article and more, visit: www.dccert.org/barbararagsdale

Owner, American Canyon Collision Center

Post-Collision Tip

Following a minor auto collision, be sure to call your insurance company and tell them what happened, regardless of whether or not you were at fault. That way, if the other driver changes their story after the fact, your insurance company will have a recorded account of yours.

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Owner, Master's Touch Upholstery

Choosing Upholstery Fabric

When having a piece of furniture reupholstered, you'll need to decide whether to use plain or patterned fabric. Be aware that patterned fabric can require additional labor and yardage, as patterns have to be matched and repeated. You should also consider wearability when making your fabric choice.

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Senior Project Design Specialist, Viking Pavers

Paver Design Tip

Your paver installation may look great, but if it isn't practical, you may wind up with unexpected frustrations. For example, if you have elderly family members who live with you or visit often, a cobblestone walkway isn't a good choice-not only will it make using a walker or wheelchair difficult, it will increase the chances for falls.

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Replacing Windows in a Stucco Home

When it comes to replacing windows in a stucco home, retrofitting is the best option. Whereas installing new construction windows would require large sections of stucco to be removed and repatched following installation, retrofitting windows won't disturb the home exterior, which makes it a far more practical approach.

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