



**Highland Park
Tradespersons Recommendations**

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Introduction


The following is a list of contractors who have been recommended by Highland Park neighbors. If you would like to add a recommendation or report an error, please contact me.








Special thanks to Mary Lee Snuffer for her help in developing this list, as well as to all of the Highland Park neighbors who contributed their recommendations.

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► Carpenters/Architectural Elements Suppliers


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Company	Comments
Chadsworth's (800) COLUMNS 265-8667 www.chadsworth.com	Columns 
Clarence Weber (412) 469-3438	Woodworking, finish carpentry 
Ken Schram (412) 486-5592	
Ron Cerniglia (412) 363-3173	
Scanlon Carpentry Brian Scanlon (412) 901-3182	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is prompt and reliable and the quality of his work is superb. He was also great at "diagnostics" and at proposing appropriate solutions to problems. The work included exterior porch and trim reconstruction and interior hardware and cabinet installation. • He redid a porch for us and his work was phenomenal.  
The Wood Factory – Victorian Millworks (936) 825-7233	Balusters, Victorian woodwork 

► Chimney Cleaning/Repair


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Company	Comments
Boo-Bears Chimney Cleaning Bruce Brandy (412) 831-3379	
Executive Chimney Sweeps Paul Dolan (412) 362-2306	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great work!• We've been very pleased with them.• They have done a lot of work on our chimneys and have done a nice job in a timely manner.   

► Concrete/Masonry


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Company	Comments
DiBucci & Sons 4287 Greenglade Ct. Allison Park, PA (412) 362-3407	 
Eric Gerber (412) 361-5627	
Lou Scampone Pittsburgh, PA (412) 780-3880	Small family business; very trustworthy and excellent work.  
Tim Greene (412) 363-0145	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He power-washed the bricks on our houses. For our neighbor, he also did re-pointing.• We were very pleased with his brickwork.  

► Dirt Suppliers


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Company	Comments
Allison Park Landscaping Allison Park (412) 486-6967	
Building Products 136 23rd St. Pittsburgh, PA 15215 (412) 784-8202	
Sandy Creek Supply 140 Sandy Creek Rd. Verona, PA 15147-1728 (412) 793-8303	
Sestili Nursery 3721 Swinburne St. Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (412) 681-1200 http://www.sestilinursery.com	

► Dry Cleaners


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Company	Comments
<p>Costello's Cleaners Eddie Costello 1806 Chislett St. Pittsburgh, PA (412) 362-2330</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are great and they pick up and deliver. • Very friendly and their work seems fine. • A great dry cleaner...Eddie Costello is the owner and he is there seven days a week, until early evening. • He delivers for free (and will pick up if needed). • We have used his cleaners for 12 years...He is great. • Eddy picks up and delivers...it is a great convenience and he is a great guy. <p></p>
<p>Dress for Success Dry Cleaners Giant Eagle Waterworks Plaza Pittsburgh, PA 15238 (412) 781-6605</p>	<p>They always do a great job and are very fast!</p> <p></p>
<p>Imperial One Hour Cleaner and Three Hour Shirt 1122 Freeport Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15238 (412) 963-1334</p>	<p></p>
<p>My Cleaner 601 Freeport Road Aspinwall, Pa 15215 (412) 782-2828</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are pretty inexpensive, have a three-day turnaround and work on a prepaid basis. • Great and reasonable! • I have been reasonably impressed. Although there is no such thing as a rush job, they have caught falling hems and things like that, which I appreciate. <p></p>
<p>Northumberland Cleaners 5876 Northumberland St. Pittsburgh, PA 15217-1253 (412) 421-1896</p>	<p>Excellent service.</p> <p></p>
<p>Shadyside Valet 211 South Highland Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15206 (412) 441-5363</p>	<p>A good one.</p> <p></p>




► Electricians

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Company	Comments
Arraujo Electric 1801 Babcock Blvd. Pittsburgh, PA (412) 521-4971 lou@arraujoelectric.com http://www.arraujoelectric.com	The owner grew up in Highland Park. Good service, excellent work, no inspection problems. 
B.C. Electric Bob Coddington 469 Patton St. Monroeville, PA (412) 824-7555	
BP Electrical Dennis Burton Pittsburgh, PA (412) 247-4106	Small firm, very trustworthy, excellent work. 
Brite House Electricians Pittsburgh, PA (412) 281-0113	They were well organized, showed up on time, worked quickly and efficiently. We used them for some small jobs, such as installing a ceiling fan, replacing some frayed wires on a ceiling light fixture, and installing some grounded outlets in our basement. Very reasonably priced. 
Dave Dolan (412) 361-5351	
Dennis Burton (412) 247-4106	
Marvin Kemp, Sr. Electrical and HVAC 2510 Maple Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15214 (412) 901-5482	Good work and does not overcharge.   
Milberg and Associates Schenley Park Terrace Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (412) 687-3319	


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<p>Nicholas Electric Co. 525 Duquesne St. Rankin, PA 15104 (412) 271-8001 http://www.nicholaselectric.com</p>	<p>They showed up when they said they would, gave a very clear detailed estimate (which they stuck to) and answered as many questions as I could think of at every point during the process.</p> <p></p>
<p>Precision Electric Jim Ayala (412) 795-4887</p>	<p> </p>

► Gardeners/Landscapers


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Company	Comments
Almost Perfect Gardening Frank Moschella (412) 361-0406 Francisantone@aol.com	He is affable and diligent, and lives right here in the neighborhood. A genuine good guy, always happy to help out a neighbor. 



► General Contracting

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Company	Comments
Alexander Properties Janet McKee (412) 367-8886	
Fisher Renovation Chip Fisher 315 8th St. Oakmont, PA (412) 828-9131	
Hummel Construction Pittsburgh, PA (412) 889 4682	Excellent work.  
Ligonier Contractors Tim Carns (724) 396-8258	They have completely redone four apartments for us and have a complete kitchen-remodeling job for a friend of ours. For residential, they focus on major kitchen and bathroom remodeling work. 
Marcus Kitchens 5954 Baum Blvd. (412) 661-9704	Used them for kitchen design and cabinetry; counters 
Milberg and Associates 4415 Schenley Farms Terrace Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (412) 687-3319	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I have personally used Milberg and Assoc for a variety of jobs, including major remodeling of bathroom(s), bedrooms and studies, rewiring, etc. The have provided excellent subcontractors for plastering, paper hanging, roof work, furnace replacement, and done whole house air conditioning themselves. They stand by there work and do not cut corners. They are reasonable but not "cheap." - Not cheap, but he gets some of the very best craftsmen that I have seen in 30 years of fixing up my house.  
Ron Cerniglia 1121 Mellon St. Pittsburgh, PA (412) 363-3173	





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<p>Superior Building and Remodeling Marshall Huffman (412) 758-9002</p>	<p>I used him for drywall, framing, laminating ceilings – he does very good work and sticks to the job until it is complete.</p> <p></p>
<p>Woods Contracting Randy Woods (412) 478-9016</p>	<p>He...did my garage roof. He also has an "electric eel" for opening main lines for sewer back ups, as well.</p> <p></p>

▶ General Repairs/Handymen


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Company	Comments
Chores & More Bonnie Coyne (724) 443-8237	
Ken Schram (412) 486-5592	
Marvin Kemp, Sr. HVAC and Electrical 2510 Maple Avenue Pittsburgh, PA (412) 901-5482	Electrical and HVAC work is his specialty, but he also does small repairs. Good work and does not overcharge. 
Woods Contracting Randy Woods (412) 478-9016	

► Hardwood Floor Refinishers


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Company	Comments
A Satin Finish (412) 931-5755	We were very pleased with the price and the overall professionalism – both of their office staff and of the workers who did the job. 
B&D Custom Hardwood Flooring Bill Mascaro (412) 445-4554	He works quickly and his prices are reasonable.   
C & M Floors (412) 795-1530	
Design Hardwoods (800) 913-9267 (724) 733-0838	Clean, courteous and reasonably priced. 
Kuhn Floor Sanding & Finishing Harold Cumming (412) 921-6719	
Mike Jones Floor Company (412) 279-4055	
Sal's Hardwood (412) 798-5293	He does nice work and is reasonably priced. 
Simmons Flooring Dave Simmons (412) 882-4400	He was hard to get a hold of but he did a great job and was worth the wait. 
Sullivan Contracting Jim Sullivan (412) 826-8210	
Wood Floor Specialists Greg Ambrose (412) 793-8017	They did a great job installing a brand new hardwood floor in my kitchen (plank by plank, and then sanded and stained to finish) as well as refinishing three additional rooms and stairs. Price was reasonable, they were very professional and responsible and they did a great job – most of it while I was out of town. 

► Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning


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Company	Comments
Marvin Kemp, Sr. HVAC and Electrical 2510 Maple Ave. Pittsburgh, PA (412) 901-5482	
Metro Heating & Cooling Corp. 951 Banksville Rd. Pittsburgh, PA (412) 561-7330	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not the lowest bid, but highly experienced at working with old houses, and installing air conditioning for unusual situations, whether hot water heat, or hot air heat is already installed. Very clean, reliable work force. Quick to respond to post installation adjustments and/or difficulties.• They installed central air conditioning in our old house that had hot water radiators. We are very happy with their work. They installed the system in a large closet on the third floor. The system works really well. The temperature is the same on all three floors of the house! They really know what they are doing.  

▶ Ironwork


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Company	Comments
Blumcraft (412) 681-2400	
Iron Eden (412) 621-1698	

▶ Limousine Services

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Company	Comments
401 Limo Airport/Sedan Service Larry Waite (412) 401-LIMO	[Owner] Larry Waite is just wonderful. He drove us to Washington, D.C. and back and didn't even ask for a deposit. The price was all inclusive – we didn't have to pay for gasoline and tolls along the way. The car was beautiful. And I like that the owner lives in Highland Park. 

► Painters


A Highland Park neighbor has been kind enough to write a list of tips that will help you to weed out disreputable painting contractors for exterior painting:







Tips for hiring an ethical exterior painting contractor

- **Ask for details regarding the preparation (e.g., scraping, chipping, sanding, power washing) of the area to be painted.** This is more important than the application of the paint; no result can live up to the potential of the cheapest paint if the preparation is not done correctly. Unless you plan to paint only one side of your house, this question should elicit a discussion regarding several different methods (because weather and sunlight affect the various sides of the structure in a different manner).
- **Ask what brand of paint they prefer, why they prefer it and from where they purchase it.** Take 10 minutes beforehand to call a few hardware stores to get some pricing information. Knowing a little about such matters will make crooked operators blush and stutter. Lie detectors are not necessary.
- **Check the [Allegheny County Real Estate Web Site](#) for any references supplied by the painting contractor.** See if the customer name provided by the contractor matches the property owner's name and that the property address is correct. [A painting contractor I dealt with] listed his wife by maiden name as a reference for work done on his own house.






— provided by Andy Cheatham

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Company	Comments
Del Morrow (412) 754-0913	
East End Painting and Decorating Jonathan T. Scruby (412) 362-1124	
Ken Schram (412) 486-5592	
Larry Iarrpino (412) 231-4613	
Marty Gayda (412) 537-2700	We used Marty Gayda in the past and were very pleased with price and quality. 
Mason Painting (412) 687-7987 (412) 362-8414	


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Paul Dougherty (412) 362-9517	Does interior and exterior painting.  
Phillip Otlano (724) 335-3218	
R Kellerman Painting Contractors (412) 241-6777	Very good. Easy to work with. Good set of painters, clean, reliable, etc.; usually booked way in advance. 
Rich Michalek (412) 363-0588	

▶ Pest Control


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Company	Comments
Becker Pest Control Gene Becker 116 Iola St. Glenshaw, PA (412) 486-8272	Good, quick service. Pet Friendly (recommended by our veterinarian) – tries to use non-toxic materials when possible. 

▶ Plasterers


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Company	Comments
Michale Dell'Aquila (412) 856-1295	Mike is a third generation plasterer. His work is well priced; he pays attention to detail and is reliable. He did a beautiful job resurfacing cracked bedroom walls and ceiling, a third floor apartment, and a basement ceiling and walls. He does plastering: patchwork, hardcoat, stucco, lathing, conventional, synthetics and cornice work. 

► Plumbers


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Company	Comments
Alescio Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning 5002 Penn Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15224 (412) 241-1280 http://www.alescioplumbing.com	
Cuccaro Plumbing (412) 921-1900	
Henry York Pittsburgh (412) 441-7986	
Ken Chase (412) 276-3030	
RDN Plumbing 1613 Andrew St. Munhall, PA 15120 (412) 462-1435 http://www.rdnplumbing.com	Great guy, very professional, personable, friendly – provides good service and has the cleanest and most organized truck I have ever seen! 
S.R. Poremski Plumbing 1818 Fallowfield Ave. Pittsburgh, PA (412) 833-7600	Steve Poremski runs this business and he is great. Very dependable, clear, reasonable estimates, thorough and precise (he even cleans up). I have used him for heating (boiler), plumbing, snaking basement drains, garbage disposal, gas lines. 
Sam Hanus Plumbing & Heating 1300 Folkstone Dr. Pittsburgh, PA 15243 (412) 462-1546 (412) 276-1535	We have used this company several times. [It] is excellent and [the] prices are reasonable. 
Tony Scalamogna (412) 363-8625	Reasonable and intelligent. 











► Roofers

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Company	Comments
<p>David Hood and Sons 1134 Rodi Rd. Wilkins Twp. (412) 824-4610</p>	<p>David Hood Roofing did a good job – they are old-fashioned guys that know roofs and came back to get it right several times.</p> <p></p>
<p>Hoolahan Roofing & Remodeling 622 Blanton St. Pittsburgh, PA (412) 521-0191</p>	<p>This guy is the best, but very busy. He has repaired my slate roof for years and has done many of my friends' places, too.</p> <p> </p>
<p>Josowitz Roofing 4415 Irvine St. Pittsburgh, PA (412) 421-5698</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – I recommend [Josowitz Roofing], especially for slate. – We have a French Tile roof and I recommend Steve Josowitz. His company is small and concentrates on slate and tile roofing in the East End. He will return your calls if you leave a detailed message and will conscientiously attend to scheduled work. – One of the best roofers I know is Steve Josowitz. I have been selling real estate [for many] years and have consistently used him with NO complaints. – I have used Josowitz roofing for a leaky roof repair on my house. Hard to judge the work because I do not go on the roof, but the leak has not recurred, his prices seemed quite reasonable and he did the work quickly. <p>   </p>
<p>Larry Polk (412) 366-9363</p>	<p> </p>
<p>Likar Roofing Company Inc. 644 3rd St. North Versailles, PA 15137 (412) 823-1561</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – I have used Likar Roofing and I have a slate roof. – I used Likar Roofing last year – they were the best. <p>  </p>
<p>Paul Stecak (412) 672-7798</p>	<p></p>


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<p>RickJohn, Inc. 4920 Harrison St. Pittsburgh, PA (412) 683-2700</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have been sent to RickJohn Roofers, who were involved in the restoration of historic Williamsburg after Hurricane Hugo came through...they were recommended by an architect friend. They did an efficient job of repairing broken slates for us last year, left no mess behind themselves. - I have had two very successful engagements with Rick John Roofing on slate/tile copper flashing jobs. <p> </p>
<p>Rosato & Sciuolo Contracting 105 Wetzel Rd. Glenshaw, PA 15116 (412) 486-5075</p>	<p>Rosato & Sciuolo did a wonderful job for us several years ago with slate roof, gutters etc.</p> <p></p>
<p>Sacco Roofing 1801 Mifflin Road Pittsburgh, PA 15207 (412) 461-3695</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sacco Roofing is terrific – they...have been a pleasure to deal with. - We were really happy with his work and he was very reasonable on his price. - Fast work and a reasonable price. <p>  </p>
<p>Vlad Prudchenko (412) 445-8254 (412) 799-0406</p>	<p>He built a new garage roof for us and had the most reasonable price. He is a very nice man and quite meticulous in his work, although a bit slow, but I think that is due to his taking a lot of care.</p> <p> </p>
<p>Walter (Butch) Ritchie (412) 736-4609</p>	<p>We had fantastic work done by Walter (Butch) Ritchie – honest, hard worker, knows his stuff (he's done quite a few of the challenging neighborhood jobs).</p> <p></p>
<p>Welte Roofing Co 535 McNeilly Rd. Pittsburgh, PA (412) 341-9400</p>	<p>We have an older home with a slate roof. After speaking with roofers to get estimates over the years, we decided to work with Welte Roofing. They have been prompt and courteous. Their work has been good and their prices fair.</p> <p></p>

► Rubbish Clean-up/Hauling


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Company	Comments
Two Men and a Truck Thomas Swickrath Gibsonia, PA (724) 444-6004	A gem in the rough – they returned my call promptly, immediately came and estimated the job and then did it, all within three days (and the price was reasonable). 

▶ Security


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Company	Comments
Vector Security, Inc. 3400 McKnight East Drive Pittsburgh, PA (888) 832-8671	

▶ Tree Trimming


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Company	Comments
Davey Tree and Lawn Care Services 1023 Executive Dr. Gibsonia, PA (724) 444-8733	Did an OK job, nothing special. 

▶ Tiling


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Company	Comments
Accent on Tile Chris (412) 687-8453	Retail tile 
Gerald Nardini (412) 805-6622	Performed tile design and installation (sunroom and deck) 
Todd Nagelson (412) 828-4161	Performed tile installation (foyer, kitchen and baths) 

▶ Window Washing

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Company	Comments
Bill Delaney (412) 363-6088	He is a very honest and responsible young man. 
Jim Thor 1626 Middle Street Pittsburgh, PA 15215 (412) 782-2525	I was very please with Jim and his crew. They are efficient and reasonable! 
Joe George Window Cleaning Service (412) 243-7954	 
LeJeune Window Cleaning 306 American School Fombell, PA 16123 (724) 758-7558	