

Residents' Contractor and Repair Recommendations

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Appliance Repair

(2010) We've had **Centerpoint** energy repair our dishwasher (and AC, and furnace, and washer - thank goodness for the service plan), and they did a nice job. Good luck!

Lisa

(2010) We recently used **Big John's Appliance Service** to fix our dishwasher and were very happy with the service/price. Big John's is in Longfellow...4128 East 35th Street, Minneapolis - (612) 722-0151.

Ann

Auto Repair

(2013) Just picked up my car today for brake job at **Cedar Ave. Repair**. Fair, honest, reasonable labor charges, trustworthy always, and fast.

Bob

(2013) As I've mentioned before, same-owner-for-40-years **Cedar Ave Repair** is the best I've ever found. Always fair and honest.

Candy

(2013) I've used **Action Auto** many times - fair, honest, back up their work.

Heather

(2013) **Action Auto** gets my vote. As one of the many examples of excellent service I had with Curt and his family: Several years ago I spent \$500 on new snow tires for my Subaru. A week later, the head gasket blew and the car was shot. He offered to buy my car for me, since he was confident he could rebuild the engine (the cost to do so was more than the car was worth). So he bought my car and told me that when I bought a new car, and when that car was ready for new tires, *he would buy me new tires, *since he knew I had just bought some.

I bought a new car (another Subaru). *Two years later* I took it in to buy new snow tires for it and he said, "Oh, I remember telling you I'd buy you new tires. I'll take care of it." So he did. He's an amazingly trustworthy guy. I could not recommend him more highly.

John

(2013) I've always had great service from the Spohn family at **Action Auto Systems** on 38th St. and 24th Ave. They are kind, honest, and reasonable. I'll take my car there as long as I live in SENA.

LeighAnn

(2013) We live in Powderhorn but have been going to **Flanery's** for years, on the advice of a friend (who also lives in Powderhorn). They know what they are doing (unlike some mechanics), honest as the day is long, and very reasonable in their prices. Can't say enough good things about them.

Judy

(2013) I had another good experience at **Flanery Brothers** auto repair shop today (42nd St & 28th Ave). I believe in supporting our community's businesses, so I thought I would put a post out there about them.

I always feel like they give me an honest assessment of my car's problems and whether or not I need to get something fixed right away or it can wait a while. Appreciating local businesses.

Nathan

(2013) Like Nathan I've also had good experience with **Flanery's**. Once I brought my car in thinking I had a leak in my auto transmission lines because I had seen a little puddle under them. Flanery's pressure checked the transmission lines, had the car up on the lift and spent probably six hours checking things out. The findings: There was no leak. What I had seen was probably some condensation which had dripped down with a tinge of engine compartment grime making it look like leaked fluid. Their charge for all the work they did: Nothing. One of the owners told me in effect 'We didn't fix anything so I can't charge you anything.' Doesn't get more honest than that.

Mike

(2012) I wanted to recommend **Flanery's** on 42nd St & 28th Ave. They are a local family owned shop and we have had good experiences there. They were recommended to us by another neighbor.

Amanda

(2012) I have great experiences with **Cedar Ave. Repair** at 43rd and Cedar. ,Fair price, helps me with little things, like a headlamp repair and then doesn't charge me.

Bob

(2012) I've been using **Cedar Ave Repair** at 43rd & Cedar for 36 years (Yup, that's right). They're honest and only do repairs that are needed. They don't overcharge and always explain what they did. I can count on the car working when they're done. What more could you ask for??

Candy

(2012) **Cedar Ave Repair** (C.A.R.) at 43rd and Cedar is my auto place also, been going there for years.

Alice

(2012) My dad is my mechanic, and he has told me that the guys at CAR (**Cedar Avenue Repair**) are reputable and honest if I ever needed to use a shop nearby. We brought a tire over once that had a flat, and after fixing it they didn't even charge us - wow!

Kate

(2011) For most of the past 20 years, I've taken my cars to the dealer for service while they are under warranty, and to **Flanery Brothers** at 42nd and 28th once the warranty expires. An experience just now reminded me of why I keep going back there. In the past four days, I've had two separate instances in which a roofing nail punctured one of my tires -- the same tire both times. (At first, I thought this was just some very bizarre coincidence, though I remembered just now that my neighbors across the alley just had their house reroofed Hmmm.) At any rate, back to Flanery's. I took my car in last Thursday morning and they had the tire fixed that afternoon for a charge of 25 bucks, which I thought was pretty reasonable. I took my car back this morning and again it was

ready in the afternoon, but guess what: NO CHARGE! Thank you, Flanery Brothers!

Karl

(2011) I'd second the recommendation of **Flanery Brothers!!!** Great service. Honest and fair pricing.

Nathan

(2011) **FLANERY BROTHERS ROCK!!**

Josephine

(2011) We've had great service from **Flanerys** for 15 years - 4 different cars.

Dan

(2011) I use **Action Auto** on 38th street and 24th avenue. Curt and his are the most trustworthy mechanics I have ever met. A few years ago I spent a few hundred dollars on brand new tires. A week later the head gasket blew and I had to get a new car. Curt said to me, "since you just put money into new tires I'll make a deal with you. When you get your next car and when it needs tires I'll get new tires for you on me." He did not have to do that and for a year and a half I did nothing. Then after a routine oil change he said, "Looks like your car is ready for those tires I owe you." And true to his word he got them for me. I can't speak highly enough of him.

John.

(2011) Highly recommend **Cedar Ave. Repair** on 43rd St. After overhearing the explanation of a service bill to the customer before me I was amazed at how little the guy got charged, so little that he actually gave the manager a tip. When's the last time you said the auto repair guy, "keep the change" For me my 30,000 mile warranty check up on my Kia was over \$200 less than what the dealer wanted to charge me. Service was on time and they are friendly with good explanation

Bob

(2011) I also go to **Cedar Ave. Repair**, been going for over 25 years. The people are friendly and very professional.

Al

(2011) We agree with Bob & Alice - **Cedar Avenue Repair** (or 'CAR' as we call it) has given us honest, reasonably priced service for many years on our vehicles, awesome folks to deal with too. We are fortunate to have so many recommended options in the 'hood to keep our auto repairs local.

Jeffrey

(2011) I recommend **Flanery Brothers** at 42nd and 28th Avenue also. Bruce and I have been taking our cars to them for over 20 years and are glad to have such a quality place in our neighborhood. They have the experience, quality and customer service that is lacking in many other automotive repair places.

Susan

(2011) We bring our cars to **Clyde's** on 38th St, between 14th and 15th Aves., and we've had great experiences there for years. It's a small shop, run by the owner, Brian, with his brother-in-law, Tom. They are knowledgeable, fair and timely. I highly recommend them--although if everyone on the list serve starts taking cars there, it might be hard to

get mine in!
Patty

(2011) The honesty and service I received were second to none. Thank you, Jon and **Action Auto**. You guys rock!
Patrick

(2011) I love **Action Auto**. I deal with the owner, Curt, whenever I go there. They are truly honest and wonderful.
John

(2010) Yes, they (**Trihn's Auto**) are fair priced and do good work.
Vanessa

(2009) Also really good is **Flanery Brothers**, at 28th Ave & 42nd St.
Tim

(2009) I've had good luck with these sorts of things at **Trinh's Auto** on 38th St. and 28th Ave. They're honest and inexpensive for small jobs.
Lisa

(2009) We have used **Flannery Brothers** on 42nd Street and 28th Avenue for over 20 years. They are very good. I would not trust my car with anyone else.
Susan. (+1) (+1) (+1)

(2009) Absolutely - **Flanery's** is AWESOME! I've been taking my vehicles to them for 10 years and have always had good experiences. Definitely give them a try.
Ann

(2009) I've taken my cars to **Taylor Star 1 Auto** at 42nd St and Hiawatha for about 6 years. My co-workers also take their cars there. Good service, affordable, and friendly. I'm taking my car there tomorrow.
Mike

(2009) We have taken cars to **Madina's**, on the corner of 37th & Cedar, several times and have always been very pleased. Good service, reasonable prices, and very nice guy to work with. We have recommended him to others also and all the feedback we've received was very favorable.
Keith

(2009) Yep: **Flannery's**. Awesome.
Lisa

(2009) (**Flannery's Brothers Auto**) We love the place as well. It's just a couple blocks from our home, which of course is tremendously convenient, but we'd probably continue to bring our car there even if we were to ever move.

(2009) Call **Mark** in Bloomington. 952-564-9737. The most honest and affordable mechanic I've ever known. He consistently calls me a couple hours after I pick up my family's cars to make sure everything is running well. **Flannery Bros** are great, too...and

more local.

Eric

(2009) I've also been pleased with **R&R** over near 44th and 44th.

Reid

(2009) I haven't used them for body work, but my husband and I have both had good experiences with other repairs at **R&R**, on 42nd Ave and 41st St.

<http://www.randrautomotiveonline.com/>

Erin

Boiler Repair

(2011) I have had nothing but good experiences with **Soderlin Plumbing** (on Cedar Av). They worked hard to find out why my old boiler wasn't working a few years ago, and charged appropriate to the amount of work done once the problem was finally found (thus the hours it took to find the issue were not charged to me). I have since used them for all plumbing issues in the house and have never had an issue or a regret.

Julie

(2010) I have referred **Team Mechanical** for years to my clients for boiler and heat-plumbing. Everyone is always happy. MIKE @ TEAM MECHANICAL 35TH & SNELLING 729-5646 / 729-3590.

Jay

(2010) I second the recommendation of **Team Mechanical**. I found them through Angie's list a couple of year's back when my old boiler (dating from the Truman administration) needed quick replacement.

Karl

(2010) I have used **Erickson Plumbing and Heating**, 1471 92nd Ln NE, Minneapolis, MN 55449 (763) 783-4545. I have used them for the last 10 years and like their service. I have always worked with Ron Erickson so I like that he or his wife Stacy are the ones I can always talk to so they know what is going on, they also have a emergency service that is great, the one time I need help in the coldest part of winter when the boiler didn't go on the service man on the phone gave me a option to try before he came out to save the emergency fee, which did work so no need to pay for a service call. He also called me back a hour later to make sure that it worked and we had heat, they didn't charge me anything for the call or help given to me.

Cindy

Carpentry/Custom Woodwork

(2015) I can highly recommend **Gary Thomas**. He's meticulous, reasonably priced and easy to work with. His phone number is (651) 249-4556 and email is gathomas2012@gmail.com. He's done some smaller projects for us (meditation bench, little free library) and is building us a book case now.

Amy

(2015) I would recommend Nick at **KNO Woodworks**. He's an awesome guy who does excellent work. <http://knowoodworks.wix.com/knowoodworks>
Nancy

(2014) I would recommend mark and Cassandra at **AA Millwork**. They are in the neighborhood and live here too. They know a lot about doors. Did our front and back doors.
Chris

(2014) Absolutely A+++ **Midwest Window** on Minnehaha. Installer is son of owner- Bought 2 doors from them - fantastic service and they on each door had to rebuild - it was magical. Right in the neighborhood. Highly recommend
<http://www.midwestwindowsidingco.com/>
Gina

(2014) Another recommendation for **Midwest Window**...they replaced all of our windows. They're fantastic.
Heather

(2012) I heartily second this **A&A Millwork**. I have dealt with them and they were very helpful to me.
Keith

(2009) I highly recommend **Woodlines**, and carpenter Mark Van Oort:
<http://www.woodlines.com> for custom-built cabinetry, built-ins and furniture.
Sonja

(2009) I passed this on to my brother in-law, who is a general contractor (<http://www.cmwall.com>). Here's his response: "I would send her to **Monarch wood products** in St Paul. I have been custom designing and having cabinets built by Roger and Phil Ohman for over 15 years now. They do great work and build very nice and durable case work. Monarch Wood Products 651-222-3213, ask for Roger or Phil Ohman." Good luck!
Erik

(2009) **Chuck Swanson**, 3629 40th Ave S, 612-722-0445 does this. He builds custom-made built-in bookshelves & other cabinetry. Very well done, very nice (and expensive -- but worth it). May take a while -- he often has a waiting list of customers.
Tim

Chimney Work

(2017) **arcosmasonry@gmail.com** Michelle

(2017) Double the recommendation for **arcosmasonry@gmail.com** - he re-pointed and replaced some popped-face bricks in our chimney a couple years ago and found bricks to match the 60-year old existing ones. Mark

(2016) Jeff at **Minneapolis Masonry**. 4137 Minnehaha Avenue. Best bid, great job. We'll call them again to rebuild our front step soon.

B

(2016) Check with **Thompson Exteriors** right in our neighborhood. Ask for Joe at Thompson, he said he does chimney repair. They just did my roof and did a fantastic job.
Ryan

(2016) We were very happy with the both chimney and foundation repair that **Holmlund Masonry** did. They listened to me, gave me a thorough and exact estimate, did the work competently and cleaned up. Not many places work on both chimney's and foundations either, we needed both.

Sammi

(2012) www.jackpixleysweeps.com **Jack Pixley Sweeps** The only one I've used in 7 years here and the only one I would use. Highly recommend!

Julie

(2012) Jim Miller at **Chim-Chimney** has done some work twice, recently and about 20 years ago. Another company gave me a bid but they added some other things they thought needed to be done. Jim came over and said those things don't need to be done and he was right. If interested - 612-330-3764.

Alice

(2012) **Nick's Chimney Service**. We had a great inspection done by Nick's.

Christina

(2012) I, too, used **Nick's Chimney Service** a few years back and couldn't recommend a better company.

John

(2011) I just wanted to let folks know that we ended up getting the chimney repaired by **Nick's Chimney Service**. He explained things well, took photos while doing the work, was fast, courteous, and knowledgeable and grew up in the area (graduated from Roosevelt). The outside of the stack was rusted through. He replaced that portion and put a new stack topper on that lets air escape much more evenly to reduce weathering. We would certainly recommend him and will ask him back to clean our ducts and dryer vent this spring. Thank you so much for the recommendation!

Pam

(2011) I had to have my chimney re-bricked due to it having lost most of the mortar over the years. I had 4-5 professionals come to bid on the work and I chose **Mohler Chimney** to do the work. Very pleased with the result.

Eric

(2009) We have used **Jack Pixley Sweeps** and been perfectly happy. You know a provider is honest when they do an inspection and tell you that you don't need to get a cleaning. We found them through a friend, and they are highly rated on Angie's List as well. <http://www.jackpixleysweeps.com/>

Willy

(2009) **Victor Skelly**. 612.379.0107. 20+ years in the business. Very knowledgeable, fair, great work and lives & operates business in Minneapolis.
Chris

Concrete Steps/Railings

(2017) Rob at **Affordable Concrete**, 612-850-6335 He lives in our 'hood. Very nice guy.
Dianne

(2017) I used **JC Miller** a few years ago; he lives a block or two from us, too, so he's super convenient. <http://www.jcmillerconcrete.com/> John

(2014) Laura, if you are looking for wrought iron, **Shegsted's** on Minnehaha Ave. is the best! They have done both outdoor and indoor work for us, and they listen to what you want, do quality work, and check back to ensure you are satisfied with what was done.
Marni

(2014) I had a handrailing installed on my front stoop this past February. I used **Eggert Ornamental Iron** - www.eggertornamentaliron.com - they did a great job and showed up on time. From measurement through fabrication and installation it took about two weeks and they have epoxy that can be used at temps above 20 degrees.
Joyce

(2014) We used **JC Miller & Sons** off of Minnehaha last summer to pour new sidewalks & were very happy with the work they did!
Kristen

(2013) I had Ben of **Nokomis Concrete** replace my sidewalks and 2 sets of steps, I was pleased with their work. They usually have a 10%? off coupon in the local papers like the Messenger, SW Journal, others.
http://www.nokomisconcrete.com/Home_Page.php
Mike

(2013) We had **JC Miller & Sons** do our new front steps and part of a driveway slab. They were great!
Chris

(2013) We used **Armstrong Concrete** to replace our front stairs. Paul is great!
<http://www.armstrongconcrete.com/> Good luck!
Lisa

(2012) I hired **JC Miller** (on 25th Avenue) to do my front walkway two years ago. Nice work. <http://www.jcmillerconcrete.com/>
John

(2012) We used **Armstrong Concrete** for our front steps and liked the result. We found them because a friend ran an Angie's List search for concrete companies.
<http://www.armstrongconcrete.com/>
Lisa

(2012) I know that **Scheftel Construction** does great work. They have a webpage (scheftel.com) where there are some pictures of wood working (and decks) that they've done. Good luck!

Corrine

(2011) I would recommend Matt Johnson with **North Star Construction**. He's based out of Seward and they do lots of different types of projects, including concrete. His number is [612-366-3112](tel:612-366-3112) or email at info@northstarconstructionco.com.

<http://www.northstarconstructionco.com/>

Eden

(2011) **Armstrong Concrete** is good. They did our front stairs.

<http://www.armstrongconcrete.com/> or [612-703-2004](tel:612-703-2004).

Lisa

Duct Cleaning

(2011) Our nokomis neighbor, **James Thomas Carroll**, is a superb carpenter and very reasonable. You can see samples of his work at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/jthomascarroll/home> His phone is: [612-730-6571](tel:612-730-6571) He did excellent work for us.

Carol

(2011) I recommend Treken Christensen of **Airtight Construction**. We recently remodeled our whole home, including the kitchen, and he did a big chunk of the work. He does high-quality work, and is reasonably priced. He comes from a long line of carpenters - he's third generation. You can trust his craftsmanship. What he wasn't skilled at, he found great subcontractors for. Call [763-429-9005](tel:763-429-9005) or email airtighttrades@yahoo.com.

Tesha

(2009) We always go with **Minnegasco/Centerpoint Energy**. Often they defer billing and will bill in 3 installments.

Dianne

(2009) I used **Brouillette Home Service** for the duct cleaning. Mark was thorough well past his estimated cleaning time at no additional charge. I won't hesitate recommending him. I'm certain he was more affordable than the furnace installer:

Brouillette Home Service (763) 205-2689 mark7573@comcast.net

Steve

(2009) We used **Residential Heating & Air Conditioning** for our duct cleaning and furnace tune up. They did a nice job, at a reasonable price. They also came out a fixed our air conditioner when it broke in July. Here is the link to their website:

<http://www.resheatandair.com/>

Catherine

Electrician

(2016) I have also been happy with **Brothers Electric**. I have been using them and referring them to my clients for many years.

Andy

(2016) We just had **Brother's Electric** do a lot of work on our 100 year old house and they did a great job. Not a new breaker, but ran several lines upstairs and in tue kitchen and bathroom, and brought outlets up to code with arc faulting and gfi, etc.

Chad

(2014) We had **Luminous Electric** (<http://luminouselectric.com>) wire our garage for us last fall and they were great.

Catherine

(2014) I have used **Brother's Electric** extensively over the past year and they have done great work for me and are reasonable prices. They are also a local company, which I like to support whenever possible. www.brotherselectricinc.com

Elise

(2014) I second **Brothers (Electric)**. We have used them several times. Wonderful company.

Margaret

(2014) Me too! (I second **Brothers (Electric)**. We have used them several times)

Laura

(2013) I use **Brothers Electric** too - love them!

Elise

(2013) We used **Brothers Electric**, they were quick and priced fairly.

Cindy

(2013) Hey - I had great service from **Holton Electric**. They left a card in my door where the mast had been bent in half. Jake Holton owner - Holton Electrical Contractors - 651-917-3875

Mollie

(2012) Good folks, been in the 'hood for years; I used to work for them: **Nelson Electric**
4165 Minnehaha Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55406 612-724-9500

<http://www.nelsoelectricinc.com/about-us>

Nadja

(2012) We have used **Brother Electric** on cedar and they have been very reasonable and nice. 3447 Cedar Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55407(612) 721-1606

Margaret

(2012) I will 2nd the recommendation for **Brother's Electric**.

Dianne

(2012) These guys are my faves: **Steve Lewis Electric** at 612-685-7611 (longtime local Habitat for Humanity electrician) -or- <http://www.appliedenergyinnovations.org/>
Scott

(2011) We have used a neighbor electrician, Dick Heider of **R & L Electric**. We went from one outlet in our basement to at least six! He did it all in a couple days and was very reasonable.
Carrie

(2011) I've had good experiences with **Cramer Electric**. 4750 Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55419-5509 (612) 827-3541
John

(2011) I have been extremely pleased with the integrity of Richard at **R&L Electric**. He's a one-man crew, licensed and bonded. 30-year Master Electrician. He does the work he says he'll do for his fair bid, and often goes above and beyond. He lives just north of Roosevelt. 612-722-5620 - Ask for Dick.
Rich

(2010) We have used **Brother's Electric** on Cedar Ave. They were reasonable and really nice, very professional.
Margaret

(2010) We've used **Nelson Electric**, 42nd and Minnehaha. They've been really good to us, reliable, fair, nice, etc. Good luck.
Kathy

(2010) **Northside Electric** has always done well by us. Tony is the owner...
612-521-8815.
Jim

(2010) **Frank Lynch** 651-323-8009. He is not right in the neighborhood, but he is a great electrician. He's done work on my house and other friends of mine w/ no complaints. Good luck w/ your search.
Patrick

(2010) The electrician we use regularly is Nick Zagaros. He owns **JZ Electric**. Does really good work. Professional, fast, reliable, and will give you up front estimates.
Nick

(2010) I had my entire circuit box/breakers replaced with a 100AMP, 30 circuit panel when I moved in. I use **R & L Electric**; it's one guy who's licensed, bonded and lives in the neighborhood (just north of Roosevelt HS). Ask for Richard Herder (sp?) at 612-722-5620. He did good work, including some things that were needed but I didn't think to ask for, and didn't charge me any extra.
Rich

(2009) **Brother's Electric** has always done good work for me and at a very reasonable price. They are local on Cedar and 35th: 3447 Cedar Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55407
(612) 721-1606
Joe

(2009) I second the vote for **Brother's Electric**. Skilled & professional.
Jeffrey

(2009) I've used Al before. He has been doing electrical for years. Not a big conglomeration, just a local electrician trying to put bread on the table. He is good, reasonable and lives in the neighborhood. We were very satisfied with him.
Al's Electric Works www.alselectricworks.com

Fences

(2017) **KNO Woodworks**. Nick was great to work with and did a wonderful job. He specializes in lots like ours instead of having a really high minimum bid like a lot of the bigger companies that prefer huge suburban lots and end up overcharging smaller ones. His bid was very competitive. Minke

(2017) We are working with **Fence Minnesota**. They will be installing our fence within the next month (wood, privacy). So far they have been good and had the best price by far compared to the other few fence companies we got estimates from. Megan

(2015) We had **Fenceindeck.com** guys do our back yard with a 6ft cedar fence. Our neighbor has 4 large dogs and also had the same guys fence their yard. So far neither their dogs, nor our kids have gotten out. ;) They are very reasonably priced, do quick and solid work.
Chad

(2014) We hired someone to replace a few sections of wood fence for us, as well as rebuild two wood gates and build new back porch steps w railing. We felt he did an excellent job, tailored the work to some specific things we were looking for, and was reasonably priced. He even found us cheaper but still high quality materials to help us keep the job within our budget. His info is: **Troy's Decks & Wood Fences** - Troy Randolph (651) 210-1387
Amy

(2014) **Midwest Fence** did my yard eons ago. Largest and oldest company. Still looks great.
Bill

(2014) **Perley's** in the neighborhood and does good work. <http://perleycarpentry.com/>
Sarah

(2014) At work, I've had **Midwest Fence** install two different fences in two different locations. I'd highly recommend them. They were familiar with codes in both cities. When we were asking for something that did not conform to code, they sat down with us, figured out why we wanted it and came up with alternatives that were within code. I do not have any personal knowledge though of their residential installations, just the commercial ones.
Wendy

(2014) I just had **Dan's Fence** put in a cedar privacy fence. They did a wonderful job: quick, neat, easy to work with, priced the same or cheaper than anyone else. I would use them again without calling for other estimates. Contact is Larry 651-242-9444.

Kathy

Floor Sanding/Hardwood

(2017) Many years ago I had **Dave's Floor Sanding & Installation** install a wood floor in my kitchen & they did a great job. (763)784-3000. Also about 4 years ago I had an independent contractor sand down & refinish my painted stairs & floors upstairs, which was a huge project and he did a fabulous job, worked extremely hard, & at a very good price. (He also had to do a bit if floor repair). I see on his card it also says he does floor installation. Great guy, his name is Javier, give him a call! (651)214-2651; email: flooringminnesota@yahoo.com

Cari

(2017) If you want to go with real hardwood, we highly recommend **Earl's Floor Sanding** <http://www.earlsfloorsanding.com/>. (612-290-1533) We've had them in to do work in our home on three previous occasions, and they are coming back again in a couple of weeks to sand / refinish our kitchen floor as part of a remodeling.

Karl

(2017) We used Earl's too and highly recommend. They removed carpet and refinished the original red oak floor underneath to perfection. Great crew and prices were reasonable.

Kristin

(2016) I highly recommend Javier Gutierrez of **Floor by Javier**. Works independently and charged many hundreds of dollars less than any other quote I received ... and he did an amazing job! I had light-green painted floors in one of my rooms upstairs as well as a painted stairs and risers on my stairwell. He sanded out all of that paint (much of it had to be hand sanded) which was an incredible amount of work, and then refinished the bare wood. He went above and beyond, for an inexpensive price, and he was extremely personable and cheerful throughout.

<http://www.floorbyjavier.com/about-us.html>

651-214-2651

Cari

(2016) **Dave Gamradt** did the hardwood floors in our entire house and did an amazing job. He even did a sweet feature strip where he had to replace some 97 year old maple. His number is: 612-298-4888

Chad

(2016) We used **Earl's** and they did an excellent job.

Kristen

(2016) We had great luck with "**Dave's Flooring**"

Margaret

(2012) "**Floor me**" ask for Dominique. My investors have used them approx 10 years. 612-221-9577 Repair and Finishing.

Jay

(2012) Check out **Pete's Hardwood Floors** in Saint Paul. They taught us how to refinish our floors but also have contractors if you're not willing or able. I can't say enough about that crew...

Odia

(2012) We used **Dave's Flooring**. They were reasonably priced and very professional and fast! <http://www.davesfloorsanding.com/>

Margaret

(2012) I've used Rick and **Accurate Hardwood Floors** to patch and refinish floors in both my home and office. Rick is amazing, affordable and in the neighborhood!

<http://accuratehardwoodfloorsinc.web.officelive.com/default.aspx> 612-722-3028

Kori

(2012) We've also used **Dave's Flooring** and are very happy.

Caroline

(2011) You should check out **GreenTree** (<http://www.greentreemn.com/>). The owner (Jonathan Fiddelke) is a friend of mine. They did our floors and the result was AMAZING. Great people to work with.

Erik

(2011) When I moved in a few years ago I had many estimates done and met with lots of contractors as I needed patches/sanding/new floor installed and finishing done. I ended up going with **Haakenson** on Nicollet & 47th <http://www.haakensonhardwoodfloors.com/> My house is small - 800sq ft. They laid my kitchen floor to match the rest of the house (everything but the bathroom is wood). Patched where the old radiators were, sanded it all down and stained and finished it and laid a new landing by the back door all for 2500\$. They werent the cheapest place in the area. Although the workers were nice normal guys with better degrees than me (st olaf). Just a great bunch of guys who do good work and pay their people properly and give benefits. I would highly recommend them.

Adam

(2011) I have worked on many remodeling jobs w/ **Hakkenson** and also recommend them, they do nice work, reasonable prices, good people to work with.

Peter

(2011) We used **Earl's** about three years ago for floor refinishing and repair. They ripped up old carpet, sanded and refinished the floors in an upstairs bedroom, the upstairs hall and the stairway to the second floor. They did an expert job repairing a high traffic area at the foot of the stairs that had been worn down by 20 years of big dogs lumbering down the stairs. If you didn't know where the repair is located, you'd never be able to spot it.

They were courteous and prompt, and took care to check in with us a few times during the course of the work, since we had left town to get out of their way.

I'd highly recommend them. <http://www.earlsfloorsanding.com/>

Karl

(2010) We went through **Pete's Hardwood Floors** in St. Paul when we refinished our own. I see they also do contracting work so you can contact them through here: www.peteshardwoodfloors.com We were extremely happy with the service they provided and would expect the same care to be shown on the professional refinishing end of their business.

(2010) We also have used **Dave's Floors** and had great experience with them.
Margaret

(2010) We've had great success with **Dave's Floors** over the years.
Jason

(2010) My friend Andy owns **Northland Hardwood Flooring**, and although he does not live in the neighborhood he has done a lot of work here and I know everyone that has had him do there floors have been really happy. <http://northlandhardwoodflooring.com/>
Amy

(2010) We had Andy (**Northland Hardwood Flooring**)re-finished our floors. We are totally happy with our floors now. <http://northlandhardwoodflooring.com/>
Apiradee

(2010) Two years ago, we needed refinishing and significant repair of hardwood floors in our 1926 foursquare. We chose **Earl's Floor Sanding** and were very happy with the outcome. (We found them on Angie's list, where they had very good customer ratings.) I would particularly recommend Earl's if you need any amount of repair of your floors (vs. just sanding and refinishing). We had a spot at the base of our stairs to the 2nd floor that had been worn down by 20 years worth of Big Dogs lumbering up and down the stairs. The dogs' nails had worn grooves in the wood that were so deep there was no way the boards could be sanded. Earl's came in and repaired the stair landing in such an expert manner that you really can't tell a repair has taken place. One reason they are able to do such great repairs is that the owners buys up vintage hardwood from homes that are being torn down. With his stock of vintage hardwood, he is able to do careful matching to existing floors --- something that's not possible with new wood stock. I'd enthusiastically recommend Earl's Floor Sanding.
www.earlsfloorsanding.com

(2010) We used **Aura Hardwood Flooring**, 2618 Ulysses St. NE, Minneapolis, MN ph 612-770-3057. The contact was Gary Poole. He did a nice job, very pleased with the work and was on the lowest bid we got.
Peg

(2010) I used **Harlan Floors**, Tony and his whole family all live here in South Minneapolis. I had Tony do some of the floors in my home over 2 years ago. I would highly recommend his work, he did a wonderful job plus he gave me all of my options up front. We had never seen the floors without the carpet on them, so when the carpet was removed he let me know right away that I would not be happy with just refinishing them since there was so much water damage to the wood, but he sanded a large area of the floor and put several different colors of stain on the floor to show me what it would look like if I just sanded and refinished. He also gave me the names of and addresses of several places to shop for new flooring and made sure he could pickup and start installing

the every next day so I was only one day behind. My floors look wonderful and I have already talked to Tony about getting some more of my floors done this year. He was great and understands I can't afford to do it all at one time. <http://www.harlanfloors.com/>
Cindy

(2010) I agree, Tony (**Harlan Floors**) is very professional. He did a great job patching and refinishing our floors ten years ago. They still look great.
<http://www.harlanfloors.com/>

Dan

(2009) I had my floors done a few years ago by **Greentree Hardwoods**. They did an amazing job -- the floors looked like they had no hope but Greentree was able to make them look like new. We've received many compliments <http://www.greentreemn.com/>
Erik

(2009) Another company that does a great job is **Northland Hardwood Flooring**. They do refinishing and also amazing new hardwood floors if anyone is in the market for a new floor. Check out the website below. <http://northlandhardwoodflooring.com/>
Erik

Garage/Garage Door Repair

(2016) Thanks for your referral to **Barry at Don-Dor**. He was great and even though my garage door opener was very old was able to do a little maintenance and make some adjustments all for a very reasonable price. It's working great now.
Julie

(2016) **Reliable Garage Door** did an excellent job for us.
Chad

(2016) We contacted Barry at **Don Dor**. He came out and repaired it quickly and at a very reasonable price.
Deb

(2016) I checked Angie's List and found a guy who did a great job. He has been out twice. Nothing fancy, no upselling, top rating, just himself, been doing it for a long time, loves what he does, and by far the cheapest. No nickel and diming for trip charge, or trying to sell you extras. Did tune up all three of my doors while here are no extra cost. I like to support the small, local business people, and he is it. No big overhead for an office, extra staff, or advertising, which is why he can be so inexpensive. Charges by the job, not by the hour. Free estimates, 24 hour service. Mark McConville, **Northeast Garage Door & Repair**, 612-789-0892
Gordon

(2016) I and several of my clients have used Barry at **Don-Dor Company**. No website found but this number does let you leave a message. 651-702-0984 He is one who will look for ways to fix something without total replacement if he thinks that can be avoided.
Bob

(2015) We used Ken Kroll of **Aker Doors** and highly recommend him. kkroll@akerdoors.com, 763-434-4545. Adam

(2015) We had **Reliable Garage Door** replace our door and opener. They did a fantastic job, were very friendly and patient with all my questions, and were less expensive than others. <http://www.reliablegaragedoor.com>
Chad

(2013) We used **Minneapolis Garage** (<http://www.mplsgarage.com/>) and they did a great job and were competitively priced.
Catherine

(2013) We had a great experience with **Sussel Builders**. They built our garage and two of our neighbors have also used them. <http://www.susselbuilders.com/garages>
David

(2013) I've used these folks: <http://aaagaragedoormn.com/> at our place in St. Paul and they did AWESOME work. HIGHLY recommended. Your problem actually sounds like something we had fixed a while back. For us, the gear that attaches to the chain was stripped and wasn't actually moving the chain. The motor used was insufficient for the door-weight, and after about 6 years the gear finally gave up the ghost. You can check yourself by climbing up and taking the plastic housing off. Look at the gear(s) (they were little plastic things on ours) and open/shut the door with a remote. You'll see pretty quick if the gear is spinning or not. Unfortunately that might mean replacing the entire opener, but that isn't terribly expensive (compared to replacing springs or the entire door) and most folks should have something on the truck to replace the opener.
Matthew

(2013) **Aker Doors** at 763-434-4545 has been very reliable and the most reasonable price I could find.
Alice

(2013) **Ronson Garage Door** is very good. Most come out and quote for free. Positive that fixing is cheaper than a new opener, unless of course you install it yourself.
Tim

(2013) I had the same problem, and long story short it was only a little more expensive to replace the whole opener than to hire someone to fix it; you may of course find a neighbor with tinkerin' skills, but the pros wanted over a hundred to come out and fix. The new opener was \$130 at Home Depot, was quieter, and came with more geegaws than the old opener, which was pushing 17 years old.

I finally understood that problem with the old opener was a fried circuit board, but a very common cause of doors not working are defective or damaged safety sensors on the floor. Check those first as they could be out of alignment....
Kyle

(2012) Without a doubt, I recommend **Aker Doors** at 763-434-4545. They installed a new door/frame and of course springs about 5 yrs ago and everything has worked. Someone, not an answering service, will answer your call. And their price was

significantly lower than other yellow page ads. Aker was recommended to me.

Alice

(2012) Thanks for the info regarding Barry at **Don-Dor**. He's totally fair, thorough and honest. He fixed the door pin that was broken, and then spent the rest of the paid hour fixing things that would have caused problems down the line. He didn't tell us we needed a new door or try to "upgrade" the fix. I've got his name pasted to my inside garage door and will use it when necessary. Yup, a good, honest hardworking guy. We need more of them around here! (651-702-0984)

Candy

(2012) Here's a guy who has done several door jobs for me, he can mend things rather than replace if he can. Very reasonable Barry at **Don-Door** (651) 702 0984

Bob

(2011) I have had work done several times by **Don Dor, Inc.** Barry, Cell (651) 387 3452 He will fix things well, good price and often figures a way to do it without buying a part totally new.

Bob

(2010) The only company that I have used is **Ronson Garage** 763-786-1100. They are fair, reputable, and, in my opinion, the best. A family business that has been around for many, many years.

Doris

(2010) My garage door is a double-sized door, and I went with **Affordable Garage Door** (612) 529-8564. Very reasonable.

John

(2010) I ended up going with **Crawford Garage Doors** out of West St. Paul based on some other recommendations and the time sensitive nature of the repair. Their technician was a nice guy with clear explanations and replaced the torsion springs on both doors for about \$230. He also tightened up loose bolts and straightened out a bent rail - not part of his estimate but he described it as "part of the service." So I'm happy with the work done (so far).

John

Gutter Cleaning/Repair

(2014) **Midwest LeafGuard** did a fabulous job, but they're not local. They're pricey, but I really feel I got what I paid for. It's a leafless gutter system guaranteed never to clog and there's a 20 yr transferable warranty that they'll come clean them out if they do clog.

I've had the gutters about 12 years now and just had some warranty work done (leaking at a joint that just needed to be re-caulked). They are very professional and prompt.

Jennifer

(2009) **Roncor Construction** is another great option. They do fabulous work with projects ranging from gutters to major remodeling. They're number is 952-888-5578.

Amy

(2009) **Rowland Construction**, at 612 270-0666, does excellent work. Randall

(2009) I've hired **Lakes Landscaping** a few times. Probably more expensive than an individual, but they're insured, they do a good job and are dependable.

Lisa

(2009) I had a job done by **Tonka Gutters** in 2008. They did a very good job. I referred them to two neighbors and believe they are also satisfied. I worked with Joe at 763-553-9166.

Steve

(2009) Used **Tonka Gutters** as well. Great job and they stood behind their work.

Chris

(2009) We use: Jeromy Whitney **Heinen & Lange Construction Inc.** 651-248-5164 cell 651-340-3190 office/fax He is amazing and has done a lot of work on our house, inside and out and has had very reasonable prices and reliable work. Fantastic!

Brendan

Handywork/General

(2017) Hi Jim: I have a great handyman, but he is very busy....you can sure try him: **Daryl Capistran....**612-481-8191. I have known Daryl for about 20 years.

Doris

(2016) **Gary Thomas** is my handyman. He's terrific and has the best rates. You can reach him at garythom2011@hotmail.com

Candy

(2016) **Jon Boyd**- General Contractor 651-308-3802. Jon is a general contractor/handyman talented in a wide variety of skills.

Noah

(2016) **Tom Fetyko**, Independent Remodeling Contractor, with 40 years experience, references, reliable and honest. I believe he could get to you rather soon (ceiling repair). 612-819-8075

Sara

(2016) I had used **SurfaceRenew.net** a few years back (for bathtub resurfacing). They were top rated on Angies List, came in with the lowest bid, and offered a 5 year warranty for their work.

Gordon

(2016) I recently had Dennis at **Amazing Glaze** resurface my bathtub and wall-mounted kitchen sink. I found him because he does all the resurfacing at Bauer Brothers Salvage and his work is beautiful.651-308-8148

http://www.dexknows.com/business_profiles/amazing_glaze-b677017

Sonja

(2016) **Randy Trinka**. Really good and reasonable price. 612-325-0991 He did a small stairway and kitchen ceiling job for us. Nice guy.

Matt

(2015) I'll recommend Brad Glick with **Steady Craft** <http://www.steadycraftllc.com/> I just spent the weekend hanging and mudding drywall with him and he's great and lives right over in the Corcoran neighborhood.

Brian

(2014) Our friend **Gary Thomas** is a handyman. He has done a lot of work on our house lately. He's thorough, fast and charges a reasonable price. He's happy to do small projects. His phone is 651.249.4556.

Amy

(2013) Scott does great work. Scott Dunn, **Nicely Dunn Handyman** 612-741-6407

Nathan

(2013) I just got the name of this Handyman off of Angie's List. He has great reviews and lives in the neighborhood by lake Nokomis. He is going to come give us an estimate on fixing a fence this weekend. I can't speak from personal experience yet, but he has lots of A+ reviews on Angie's list: **Scott Dunn/Nicely Dunn Handyman** 612-741-6407

Anne

(2012) **Metamorphosis** did a good job and our kitchen will be one of 3 nokomis homes on the upcoming Minneapolis home tour.

Jason

(2012) I highly recommend **Twin City Siding Professionals**. I used them and my house looks great. I also had them replace my upstairs and basement windows plus add a patio door and deck. <http://www.tcsidingprofessionals.com/>

Kari

(2012) Check out Ian Wiitanen with **Refined Homes** 651-699-2489

<http://www.refined-homes.com> He has a lot of experience remodeling older homes and is giving us a bid on our kitchen right now!

Laurel

(2012) Jason Stinson is an Ericsson neighbor and owns **Stinson Builders**. They did excellent work on our home. www.stinsonbuildersinc.com If you need an architect for your project, call Ericsson neighbor Ted Barnhill - a design visionary!

www.designfortyfive.com

Leah

(2012) Tim Ittner from **TEI Construction** is excellent. 612-741-0812

or teiconstruction@gmail.com.

John

(2012) You could try calling **Andy Kaluza**, he is self-employed, very fairly priced and does good work. I know he is a general contractor and has people that work with him to do anything he does not do himself. 612-600-1881

Krysta

(2012) We are in the middle of a kitchen remodel & have been so pleased with our contractor, Krishna Dorney of **Metropolis Construction** kdorney@gmail.com We've been pleasantly surprised with the way he's offered us his trailer to use as a dumpster, saving us \$300 & also let us use his contractor discount for purchasing our new windows. He's easy to talk to & communicate with & he does things the right way. He's on top of everything, on time & stays on schedule. We've been very impressed!
Kristin

(2012) I would recommend **Kale Baglyos Reed**. (651) 380-5869. He lives the neighborhood and has done selective work with us, and is very good; he prefers to keep it small.
Donnie

(2011) I have been using **BLT Services**. You can ask for Frank, he is great. Has worked hard on dealing with getting my insurance company to pay for all the storm damage repairs I have. I already have a new project planned for him next summer. Their phone number is 651-982-2671
Cindy

(2011) I, too, use **BLT** for winterizing.
John

(2011) I highly recommend **TEI Construction**. Contact Tim Ittner at 612-741-0812.
John

(2011) Don with **Cornerstone Construction** can take care of large or small jobs and does wonderful work! Email: ccmcornerstone@gmail.com Phone: 651.453.1194
Laurel

(2011) We just had **Wes Whitby** do some work for us - connected through ServiceMagic, which is a great site if you haven't checked it out. He's in the area, and he did a great job repairing our shower. I'm not sure of his skillset otherwise, but it seemed fairly broad. (612) 845-7058. Good luck!
Lisa

(2011) My neighbor, **Jerry**, is an independent handyman, and is awesome, and more than reasonable in his prices (36XX 26th Avenue South). I'd definitely recommend you contact him if you are looking for bids. His number is 612-207-2090.
John

(2011) Another great handyman is Daryl Capistran, **D.C. Repair**. I have worked with him for 15 years and he is also an incredible craftsman when it comes to building anything out of wood. And, he is extremely reasonable. Recently, he shoveled all the snow off my roof and has repaired many things for me. D.C. Repair Service, phone # is 612-481-8191.
Doris

(2010) I've had great luck for years with a neighborhood-based handyman named Paul Hamer. His business is called **Paul's Housecare**. Mobile number 612-272-4122. He has done work very similar to this for me on several occasions, most recently last

summer.

(2010) I wholeheartedly recommend Chuck Weishaar of **Chuck's Repair**. He was recommended to me by a former work colleague who lived in St. Paul. Since then, I've had Chuck help me with projects big and small, especially in a pinch with a dishwasher and an exterior faucet that blew amid a winter melt. He's done interior and exterior painting, as well as repairs to the woodwork on the exterior of my house. Best of all, he's a neighborhood resident, so it will take mere minutes for him to get to your house. Give him a call at 612-790-8216.

Vince

(2010) I have worked with Daryl Capistran, **DC Repair**, 612-481-8191 for approximately ten years. He is a handyman who is very reasonable and very thorough and very honest. I have used his services to help me in my home and also in my property management business. I highly recommend Daryl.

Doris

(2010) I recommend highly **SpeedyZ's**. Jon does great work, he is honest and he hires up and coming young people who want to learn from him. He does both home repair and building maintenance management. (612) 386-6875.

Patricia

(2009) We use **R.U.Remodeling** for all of our handyman work. They installed a deadbolt on our back door a few months ago & it works well. I don't recall the exact cost, but I can't imagine we paid over \$50 for that job. Phone number for owner Perry Ruedy is 612-281-6703. Give him a call!

Ann

(2009) I too can personally vouch for **Metropolis Construction** for large and small jobs. He lives in the neighborhood and knows A LOT about houses.

<http://metropolismn.com/>

Carolyn

(2009) **Metropolis Construction**, I swear by them. I've had contractors take the \$ and run leaving the job 1/2 finished (if that...). Really one of the only people I know who gets the job done, quickly with little disturbance and at top notch! And local!!!

Contact info: Krishna Dorney 612 728 3817 kdorney@gmail.com remodel, construction, rehab. Specialize-older homes.

Abbi

(2009) I'd recommend my friend Johnny Fiddleke, who owns **Greentree Hardwood and Tile**. His website is: <http://www.greentreemn.com/> This is a small, locally owned business. He does excellent work and his ethics are beyond reproach.

Erik

(2009) I highly recommend a handyman who has done everything from remodeling our basement to minor home repairs--he tiled our new basement bathroom, floor and tub/shower surround, does great plaster/skim coating and does high quality painting and the like. His name is **Mike Mantooth**. His phone number is 612-387-1610. He is reliable, trustworthy and well priced.

Lea

(2009) We like to use Perry Ruedy who has a business called **R.U.Remodeling**. He did some nice remodeling work in our kitchen & we've got another list of miscellaneous tasks that he's about to start working on for us in July. Perry's cell # is 612-281-6703.

Heating and Air Conditioning

(2017) I also have been using **Standard Heating** for 25 years. They are the best and they really look out for their customers. Just installed 2 furnaces in my duplex December 2016. They even clean up after – and WOW did they do a great job.

Josephine

(2017) We were super happy with the service from **Standard Heating and Air**. We had service from them and when it was time to replace, they came in with a bid that was more appropriately sized for our home and well under the others. It's been a few years and I can't say I ever wished it was a more powerful unit.

Willy

(2015) Just got a new furnace - same story expensive blower motor just fixed last spring died. Rebates 400 from gas co for hi eff., 100 from electronic for variable speed blower, 25 for smart therm (just missed a newer thermostat 50 rebate). **Residential HVAC** did very prompt nice job and were very good to work with (based in neighborhood Cedar & 37th I think)

Dick

(2015) Got a new furnace and AC in Spring last year. High efficiency, with all the rebates. Got quotes from 5 reputable companies but went with **AQS** (Jeff Von Ruden) 952-928-3838. Best prices, best equipments, best service. I would highly recommend them.

Alexia

(2014) We had a good experience (and price) with **Ray N. Welter Heating Co**, who replaced our AC in the fall. (612) 825-6867

Sarah

(2014) It's Monday so I'm guessing you found someone by now but if not, we really like **GTS HVAC** (run by Greg Sundby and his crew): 612-619-0589. They've always done a great job with our furnace tune-ups and maintenance work.

Dan

(2013) I too have had good experiences with **Standard Heating and Air Conditioning**. They put in my new furnace/AC about 4-5 years ago (in mid-January, after the old one had failed), and it's worked well so far. I had one problem, the A fan motor failed, and they replaced that under warranty.

I have also used their 'SmartPlan' annual service, where they come out twice a year (before heating season & before AC season) for a check & tune up. I think it's worth the money.

Tim

(2013) **Standard Heating and Air Conditioning** put in my furnaces (this is a duplex) and air conditioning in my unit. They have all worked very well over the years.

Also I have had **Centerpoint Home Service Plus** for 21 years and they have replaced one motor in each furnace, I paid for parts and the service was covered under Home Service Plus. I ran another 10 unit building before I purchased my duplex and had Home Service Plus there also. I cannot say enough good things about Home Service Plus. It is worth every dime I have paid. The best example of service was replacing a broken water heater on a Sunday afternoon in the middle of winter in a storm. They brought the new one with them and installed it all perfectly and then took the old one back with them.
<http://www.standardheating.com> 612-824-2656
Josephine

(2013) In August 2010 I replaced my original, 1941 gravity furnace (still worked great at about 80% efficiency). After multiple quotes I ended up using the best price and quality furnace and AC (Trane) from **Ray N. Welter** on Chicago Ave. <http://www.welterheating.com/>.

I believe they recommended to me **Asbestos Abatement Associates** in Mpls. It was less than a day job and cost \$1495. They removed all the supply ducts that were wrapped in asbestos tape. Also removed the furnace. Very professional, in addition to the quarantined areas and exhaust, they presented and posted all permits and licenses. The only negative is they left some duct tape residue that took effort to remove.
AAA - Asbestos Abatement Associates Richard Pruitt 612-823-2955 3125 Logan Ave N, Mpls 55411. They are reviewed 84 times on Angie's List with an "A" rating. Hope that helps some.
Mike

(2013) I asked that same question a few years ago and was suggested to use **Ductworks**. Very happy with their work. (They're not in the neighborhood, though.)
Brian

(2012) I've happy with the work done for me by **Standard Heating & AC**, www.standardheating.com, 824-2656. Used to be located on Lake Street, but now moved to a bigger space in north Minneapolis.
Tim

(2012) We use **Bonfe** for HVAC and plumbing. They have very good response time, work evenings at regular rates and seem to be honest. We set them up on a preventative maintenance contract for our HVAC.
Bob

(2012) I second the **Standard Heating** recommendation. Have been working with them for 12 years on annual maint. and repairs, and they installed our new furnace and central AC, too, a couple years ago and did a great job.
Laura

(2012) I was pleased with **Ray N. Welter** on 46th & Chicago, <http://www.welterheating.com/> Or **Center Point Energy** (the local gas company) has repair services too: <http://hsptoday.com/hsp/services/repairservices/>
Mike

(2012) We also had a good experience with **Ray Welter** and their bid on the work (replacing a heat exchange) was about 40% less than the other bids we got.

Robert

(2012) As part of our kitchen remodel we just had a bunch of HVAC work done. We were extremely happy with the work that we had done here. Our HVAC guy was recommended by our contractor & he was great! Ask Ron Fjerstad about the blower motor or inline booster fan. **Ron's Heating & Air Conditioning** 382-4787.

Kristen

(2011) Try these guys: <http://www.appliedenergyinnovations.org/> They've done good work for us and lots of other folks in the neighborhood.

Scott

(2011) My husband and I used www.boehmheatingco.com/ for our air conditioner and would call them if we even needed anything with air or heat! They reasonable and did a great job.

Janet

(2011) We loved **Standard Heating and Air** when we got our AC and Furnace replaced. They were very honest about how much work needed to be done while several other companies gave us quotes for things that were completely overkill.

Willy

(2011) **Standard Heating and Air** has installed 2 furnaces in my house over these more than 30 years. They're honest, efficient, thorough.

Alice

(2011) I too have had good experiences with **Standard Heating & AC**. They replaced my furnace (in a January cold wave) and come each year to check the furnace & AC.

Tim

(2011) I've been very satisfied with **Standard Heating & AC**, from Lake Street in Minneapolis.

Tim

(2011) You could call Big John's. A lot of people in the neighborhood use his services - I thought he did a great job at a reasonable rate when he fixed our washer: **Big John's Appliance Service** 4128 E 35th St.

Minke

(2010) We just had our AC repaired last week. We were very happy with the work of Mark Lauer of **All Mechanical Services** (6128668510). He was reasonably priced and honest. A prior repairman had told me that our AC was completely dead and tried to get me to buy a new unit. Mark figured out what was actually wrong and repaired it for \$200. So thankful it works great now!

Jill

(2010) We just had our gravity furnace taken out by **Asbestos Abatement** Associates who did a great job. They're at 612.823.2955. (And I like the idea that they're in the 612

area code.)

(2010) We replaced our gravity furnace with a forced air furnace and central AC a couple years ago. We used **Boehm Heating** and highly recommend them. They were very good, very thorough and very knowledgeable <http://www.boehmheatingco.com> They had a sub-contractor do the abatement, and I think it was AA Abatement. They did a great job, too.
Brian

(2010) I've had good work from **Standard Heating & AC**, 824-2656. They replaced my antique furnace a couple of years ago when it finally died in the middle of a January cold snap, and on Monday they fixed my AC (failed compressor motor).
Tim

(2010) A second for **Standard Heating & AC**. They installed my new furnace back in 1991 when the original gravity octopus was condemned by Minnegasco during the Halloween blizzard.
Kathy

(2010) I have also used **Standard Heating & AC**, they are very good and they show up on time!
Josephine

(2010) Our A/C went out yesterday and I called **All Mechanical Services** and had Mark Lauer come out today. He was great and very reasonable. I recommend him highly!
Margaret

Home Alarms

(2014) We use **ADT** and we haven't had any problems - It has kept me safe and sound since the break in we had in January 2013. That's what prompted the alarm system and well, it's inexpensive and it works. I have peace of mind. =)
Jessica

(2014) I used a local guy on a friend's recommendation. I was told that a lot of the big alarm companies still own the equipment they install in your house or lock you in with long contracts and if you stop subscribing to the service they can take it out. I liked the up-front pricing that I got with mine. I've had great service from them for the last couple years and the call center is local.

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Katie

(2014) **Simpli Safe** we use. U buy and install yourself. Way easy to do. Only \$14.99 a month for monitoring. We love it. Pet under 40 pounds it should not tip off.

Monica

(2014) We use a wireless system that has proven very reliable for 8+ years: **GE Simon 3**, self-installed (check Amazon), and then hooked up to local company <http://www.floydtotalsecurity.com/> paying quarter to quarter (no contract).

Ruediger

(2014) We have **ADT** as well, and we have no complaints. We started out with Broadview, but that company merged with ADT a while back. Perimeter only is a possibility with ADT. Good luck!

Lisa

(2013) We use **ADT** and are pleased with it. Sometimes I think just having signs that you have an alarm are helpful. Good luck!

Lisa

(2013) I have a **GE Simon 3** (Wireless) since 2005. Rock solid performance, even though I was initially worried about wireless. Buy on Amazon, install yourself, then hookup to service provider. We use local company **Floyed Security**, which has no problems supporting my installation.

Ruediger

(2013) I don't have it but I have heard from others that **Alarm Force** is solid and reputable.

Dave

(2013) We have **Alarm Force** and we've been very happy with them - I didn't feel that there were any gimmicks with them. You buy the original system, which is reasonable, and then it's 32 bucks a month (much lower than competitors when I was looking 2 years ago). I did a whole calculation at the start and figured out it was the cheapest and had great reviews. I looked at the "self-install" kits that are available online too, including SimpliSafe (though it looks like they have a LOT of competition now), but I just wanted a pro to install it. Our 3 year contract is up this winter and I may consider switching to a self-install option so that the monthly rate is lower. Hope that helps!

Kate

(2011) We use **Vivint** (formerly APX) and switched to them from ADT because of the annual price increases from ADT (all of our existing sensors worked with both companies, so there is very little cost to changing companies if you are not under contract). We switched about 2.5 years ago and have been paying \$50/month plus taxes ever since (so about \$53.70 a month total). We get a nice deduction on our homeowners policy per year as a result of our system, so it is pretty close to costing \$1/day before taxes as they are often advertised. We have the cellular backup system which gets an additional policy discount because it can still call out to the monitoring company and/or authorities even if the phone line is cut/disabled. We also have the smoke detector that will trigger the monitoring service when smoke/fire is detected. At least 7 other houses on our block use Vivint as well. Service wise both ADT and Vivint are very responsive and helpful and as I mentioned the equipment is nearly identical. We have had a few false alarms with both and they were on the panel and calling our mobile phones

instantly. Periodically each of the companies run specials on equipment. I would watch the websites for these specials as in March Vivint was offering a panel upgrade for free that allowed you to control the alarm system from your smart phone and control the lights in the house among other things.

Ryan

(2009) I also have **Protection One** with the maintenance agreement. My system was a older system and when my voice intercom broke they came out and tried to fix it, when it didn't work they came out and placed it at no charge. The poor man was here for 5 hours working on it but they got it working with no problems. I have been very happy with them and their monitoring. They have good prices and I also like the auto charge system you can do so no monthly bill to pay.

Cindy

(2009) Beth and I just ordered **Broadview** (formerly Brinks). We thought it was reasonable.

Lisa

(2009) I have **Monitronics security.com** which I will be discontinuing as I am moving to the neighborhood and the home has a system. I have been satisfied with this company

Susan

(2009) We have **Protection One** and have been happy with their service and prices. In my experience \$30-\$35/month is reasonable for professionally monitored security services. <http://www.protectionone.com/>

Local sales: 612-851-4459 National Toll-free: 800-438-4357

We've lived in Standish for almost 8 years and installed the system soon after moving here. So far, no break-ins. Our next door neighbors were burglarized during the day today. I gave them the forum website and hope they'll post about their experience and join the online community to give and receive support.

(2009) We have always been pleased with our alarm company here at Tillie's. We use **Always Secure Alarm Protection** (ASAP) 612-366-2050. Gordy the owner is great. Tell him we sent you.

Maggie

Insulation

(2015) I recently used **Houle** (wall, blown in), and was happy with their work. <http://www.houleinsulation.com/> You could qualify for rebates, too! Like Kim, I also went with the cellulose insulation for its environmentally friendly qualities.

Nancy

(2015) You should definitely contact Douglas Cosette at **Patrick Miller Construction** (763-458-4365)! He is super responsive, and they do an amazing job! :-D Patrick Miller Construction blew in insulation into our attic last autumn and they did an excellent job; furthermore, they use a special insulation that is safe, eco-friendly, and doesn't contain fiber-glass. I found his company on Angie's List, and I gave them an A+ review after they were done. They really pay attention to the little details. :) Just an fyi, in regards to the exterior plugs in your house, when insulation is blown in that way,

sometimes it gets into the ducts or into other places in the house and it can coat everything inside your house, and be blown around (sometimes for weeks) from air grates. We didn't have this issue, but I did a great deal of research on this, and this is apparently a common issue.

Kim

(2014) **Houle Insulation**. Highly recommend. They did fabulous work, the guys were friendly (even with my dog) and very clean. They are rated very high on Angies List, too!

Julie

(2014) I have contracted **CSC Exteriors** and have been very pleased with their services.

Alexia

(2012) Try Dan Young at Penguin Insulation. As a general contractor we've trusted Dan thru 100s of spray foam and otherwise jobs. Closed cell- he comes out to estimate the job and we think they do a fine job. I hired his outfit to foam my attic. I'd have done my rim joists and tricky basement areas w him if I'd known 8 yrs ago. Dan Young at penguin (612) 363-3634 cell.

Peter

(2011) We used **Houle** Insulation a couple of years ago and they did a fabulous job!

Kerry

(2011) I used **Houle**, I loved them. My mother used Penguin and loved them.

Mona

(2011) Highly recommend **Houle**. Fair price, really nice guys, and they cleaned up after themselves. Last time I looked they were very highly rated on Angies List, too.

Julie

(2011) You may have checked with them already but we had some insulation done by **Houle** (<http://www.houleinsulation.com/>). They were very professional and the best quote we got at the time. We only got the attic done at the time and I cannot recall if their quote for doing the walls included filling the holes.

Glenn

(2011) **Houle** did my attic a couple years ago. Stellar work. I got a quote for the main level then also, and it did include filling all holes and cleaning up. There are numerous great recommendations for them on Angie's List, which is why I went with them. Very happy I did!

Julie

(2011) I had **Houle Insulation** do a job for me a couple years ago. Very pleased. May have them back to do another attic.

Steve

(2011) (**Houle**) We used them a few years ago. Lowest quote we got at the time, and also very professional and knowledgeable.

Glenn

(2010) I used **R&J Insulation**. They were friendly, considerate, clean and did a good job.

When I found an area which they missed (I would have missed it too because it was a hidden area), they came back right away and fixed it. Nice people. And their price was lowest too. R&J 763-370-6354 or 763-755-3581

(2010) **Metropolis Construction** <http://www.metropolismn.com/> highly recommended

Landscaping

(2016) I highly recommend **3 Bears Landscaping**. I had my deck removed this spring and 3 Bears installed a beautiful new patio of pavers. He worked with me on design, colors, they removed old sidewalk that was under the deck, designed it so rain would flow off of it and away from the house, used first rate tools and machinery to ensure it was solid and level, his crew was the nicest bunch of guys, and they ended up taking a few days and creating a LOT of mud due to a rainy stretch, yet it was all cleaned up when they were done. Extremely good experience.

Julie

(2014) **Lakes Landscaping** right here in the neighborhood did a great job on our backyard! Brian, the owner, lives in Standish and his shop is located on 34th Ave S and 46th Street.

Kathleen

(2013) I had some terracing work done by **Twin City Landscaping** (or Landscape). It is based in south Minneapolis. I was happy with their work and they have great reviews on Angie's list.

Kristen

(2013) A local neighbor here in the neighborhood does land scape design etc check her out -**Roxanne** www.truenaturedesign.com Good luck!

Erica

(2012) I've used **Dave at MrMow** the past couple years, and I like him. Highly recommended from Angie's List and lives just a few blocks down near Chicago and 42nd. Contact info: Dave G Powell dave@mrmow.com 612-327-4126

Julie

(2012) We used Brian at **Lakes Landscaping** a couple years back. Great service, small business in the neighborhood. Brian worked very hard to meet our needs with the project. They have an office on 34th Ave and 46th Street.

Kathee

(2012) Wanted to pass along **Roxanne** - not only is she a Standish Erickson resident (with a fabulous landscaping and raingarden of her own), she also has years-worth of experience in landscaping including raingardens with many project throughout south minneapolis. Here is her website <http://truenaturedesignonline.com/> she's a great person with a true passion for what she does!

Erica

(2011) I would recommend **Lakes Landscape Services**. They're a local company (34th Ave S & 46th St) and they do great work. <http://lakeslandscapeservices.com/>

David

(2011) Our former landlord (just before we bought), lives in the Longfellow neighborhood and has a landscaping business. He is a very good guy and I have seen his work (our former yard was lovely). His name is Jim Saybolt. The company is **Biota**. <http://www.biotalandscapes.com/> Highly recommend him.

Margaret

(2011) I have to chime in on your request and recommend our own SENA native Roxanne and her business **Reflective Spaces** - www.reflectivespaces.com She has done local south Minneapolis landscape design and has amazing talents. Your request of native grasses and plants is a person passion of her and something she has done personally with her own yard's landscape. her own yard is a work of art. Please contact her - you'll be so happy!

Erica

(2011) We've used Russ from **Giving Tree Gardens** and liked what he came up with. They did the landscaping at the Seward Co-op too. <http://www.gtgardens.com/>

Lane

(2010) I have worked with Bruce Bale at **Plantique** on Hiawatha Avenue for several years and I am pleased with his work. 5152 Hiawatha Avenue, 612-722-3155.

Doris

(2010) I'm not sure how much they charge, but **Earth Wizards** <http://www.earthwizards.com/> do nice work. They put in the rain garden at my old apartment building (corner of 43rd St & 28th Ave). It helped a lot with water in the basement apartment problem.

Catherine

(2010) Ditto on bruce at **Plantique** ...until I 'moved' last year, used their services since they opened (10 or so years ago ?) they also carry a nice assortment of naturescape perennials. 612-722-3155 <http://www.merchantcircle.com/business/Plantique>

Painting

(2012) I'd like to recommend, Dan Anderson of **Dan Anderson Painting, LLC**. (612-242-9872) He has been a professional painter in the Twin Cities area for the past 30 years. He does painting both indoors and out (and, yes, on vinyl!) He is very professional and conscientious. I have always been impressed by the quality of his work.

Jodi

(2012) I highly recommend **Joe Julin Painting Co.** 612-226-1598. When I bought my house a few years back, I hired him to do some inside work (which included rebuilding some walls that started to crumble when I removed old wallpaper from my kitchen).

Excellent professional work.

John

(2012) Hi Dianne, I'd recommend **Brushed Monkey** (612.803.1356), a local business in our neighborhood. Donnie and his crew do excellent work. They painted the exterior of

my house last year and I couldn't be more pleased (they also painted my kitchen). They really pay attention to detail, I was super impressed

Tracy

(2012) **Brushed Monkey** is the way to go, they do amazing work and are from right here in the neighborhood. Donnie is great!

Sarah

(2012) I might add **Doug DeSanto**, my neighbor across the alley. He and his business partner do really amazing work, mostly high end interior, but he does exterior work as well. Super nice guy too.

Bob

(2012) Just to add another name to the list of great painters, is **Dan Anderson**. I've known him my whole life. He's been a painter for about 20 years or more. Very professional and top quality work, both interior and exterior, residential and industrial. He's living in the Nokomis East neighborhood. Phone: 612-242-9872

Jodi

(2011) Try Darren McCabe with **McCabe Painting**.

Dianne

(2011) We used **Indy Painting** this summer for exterior house trim and they did a great job. They were also the lowest bid.

Cate

(2011) I've heard nothing but good things about **Brushed Monkey**. They are based in the neighborhood, with a shop at 54th and 34th. They have a friendly crew and do Really clean work in very little time.

Kale

(2011) (**Brushed Monkey**) did a great job on my sister's house.

Judy

(2011) Try **Magic Monkey Painting** 612-703-4868 there are local too, and good painters. Betto

(2010) I've used Bryan Alft and **Banner Painting** for an outside project and was really happy. He was timely, thorough, and did a great job cleaning up. I know he does interiors as well. <http://bannerhomepainting.com/>

Kristin

(2010) I forwarded your message to a painter I know who's in the neighborhood and does great work and is very reasonable. His name is Donnie and you can see his work all throughout the neighborhood. **Brushed Monkey**. Also his email is Donnie@brushedmonkey.com.

(2010) If you need painting done, I would recommend **Carol Olyphant** and her team. I just had my house painted (interior) by her and she was meticulous and fairly priced. She is an experienced painter, which I think saved me money b/c she knew what could be

touched up vs. what needed to be entirely painted over. Contact info is:
<olyphoto@hotmail.com> 612-824-8826.

Lisa

(2010) I would without a doubt recommend **Brushed Monkey**, they always do an amazing job, I've seen lots of their work. They can help you thru the whole process, have a lot of knowledge to bring to the project, and are really professional. Plus they live in the neighborhood!

Sarah

(2010) My wife and I had **Brushed Monkey** paint our house earlier this year. Donnie did a FANTASTIC job. We met with other painters and Donnie stood out. His prices were competitive with the others, but it was his knowledge and expertise that was priceless on this project. Donnie was the only painter we met with that understood what we meant when we said traditional bungalow colors. Throughout the entire project I felt like it wasn't about making a quick buck for Donnie. It was about working with us to create something we love and would be proud of...and it is!

Chris

(2010) **Darren McCabe Painting** recommended 612-852-8696

(2010) Wow--thanks neighborhood! You recommended Donnie at **Brushed Monkey**, and that's who we went with. He did a fantastic job at a reasonable price. We're lucky to have this business in the neighborhood. If you need some work done, I can't recommend him highly enough.

Jenny

(2009) I just had my deck sanded and painted by **Banner Home Painting** and was really happy. They were really fast and tidy -- no paint chips or dust or anything, and they were careful of the plants around the deck. You're welcome to take a look (3836 28th Ave S, in the back). You can get a quote, etc. by contacting Bryan Alft at bryanalft@gmail.com.

Kristen

(2009) I know of a woman-owned painting business called **Larkin Painting**. The owner is Sue Larkin, and her number is 612-207-7094. They have very reasonable prices and do quality work.

Kyla

Plumbing

(2017) I have two plumbers that I really like. Both are licensed. Jake with **Able Plumbing** 763-545-9349 (lives in the Corcoran neighborhood, and is a union member) Steve with **Regency Plumbing** 612-250-4351.

Brian

(2017) **Ron the sewer rat!** Strange name, great people!

Mary

(2016) We ended up going with **Keith Nelson Plumbing**. I talked with him on the phone and my partner was home for the installation. He was great to work with.

Amy

(2016) We also used **Champion (Plumbing)**. They came and installed it within an hour of purchase. We bought it thru Home Depot on a Saturday morning and it was in use by early afternoon.

Wendy

(2016) **D&D Mechanical** out of New Prague was a good price and good work. **Champion Plumbing** by way of Centerpoint did a good job for us in another house as well.

Chad

(2016) We had **Standard Water Control Systems** install drain tile around the walls inside our basement in the spring. No water in our basement since. They were great to work with.

Chad

(2015) We love **Norblom** plumbing. Honest and thorough work.

Erica

(2015) We used **Randy Lane** on the recommendation of one of K's coworkers. We were quite happy with their service.

Willy

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Willy

(2014) A friend of mine uses **Scott Spiess** and has nothing but great things to say about him. Scott is a very nice guy and very reputable. <http://spiessplumbing.com/>

Charlie

(2014) Lance from Polar Plumbing is our favorite plumber: (651) 777-7525. For the larger sewer pipe replacement work you might want to call **Ron the Sewer Rat**: (612) 724-8253. They replaced our main water line four years ago and did a great job.

Dan

(2014) We've used **Weld & Sons** a few times and they've been great.

Kristen

(2014) Whoever you call, on the bigger jobs, be sure to get 3 written bids as they can vary quite a bit. I've used **Ron The Sewer Rat** (Ron is retired, but his son carries on) twice and have been satisfied.

Michael

(2014) Try **American Sewer**. \$89 for basic drain snaking, same service but much cheaper than a certain well known big company. That's all they do and they know their job, and won't try to sell you other crap. Just used them. See Angie's list. (612) 246-4800
www.americansewers.com
Ruediger

(2014) 225-9559 **Gene's Water & Sewer**. Gene's put our sewer in at our house and did a repair job like yours at my brother's place. Both positive experiences (as much as can be expected anyway).
Kurt

(2013) We had a good experience with **Norblom Plumbing** when I got a little over my head on a bathroom remodel. They came in under estimate and were fast, friendly, clean, etc. Go to their website, lots of good info and reviews.
Christopher

(2013) We had good luck with same situation a few years ago using **Cichy's Water and Sewer**.
Glenn

(2013) Bob at **Sam Gibson Plumbing**, one man shop, flushed and trimmed a tree in our sewer main for \$175 last week. He was a recommendation from a commercial plumbing friend. Quick and knew what he was doing, not terribly expensive. 952-934-8779.
Jason

(2013) We use Steve with **Nice N' Neat Plumbing** 612-788-6181 612-760-9706 He is a great professional, obviously knows what he is doing. He came to our house on a Saturday night when our water heater broke down and installed a new one that same day. I highly recommend his services.
Mariana

(2013) Call **Ron the Sewer Rat** - they can tell you what to do, they are extraordinarily competent and trustworthy. Number is 612-724-8253
Josephine

(2013) **Tony Webster**. 612-872-0202. Tell him I recommended him. He's wonderful.
John

(2012) I have used **Crosstown Sewer** a couple of time and was very pleased with both the service and the price. I just looked them up and came up with a phone number of 612-354-8984.
Keith

(2012) I strongly recommend **Ron the Sewer Rat**. I've had great, honest, ethical work from them. <http://www.ronthesewerrat.com/>
Laura

(2012) **Ron the Sewer Rat** is the best! Their customer service is very good and they do know what they are doing!
Josephine

(2012) Ditto to the two previous posts on **Ron, the Sewer Rat**. Honest, ethical and fairly reasonable. And, to answer the original post's question, we do have them clean out the tree roots about every two years.

Christine

(2012) We had great service from **Cichy's Water & Sewer**. They actually helped repair a problem that was caused by another company.

Amos

(2012) **Ike's Plumbing** and drain cleaning 651-325-8132

<http://ikesplumbinganddraincleaning.com/index.htm>

Kari

(2011) We didn't have the whole sewer line replaced, but the connection to the sewer main. I don't recall what it cost, sorry, but we went with "**Ron the Sewer Rat**". I have them out once every couple of years to clear the tree roots from the line. I'd recommend them. <http://www.ronthesewerrat.com/>

Kathy

(2011) We recently used **Ron the Sewer Rat** to unplug the sewer drain that had backed up in our basement when we bought our home. The man that came was super professional, friendly, and very reasonably priced. I would highly recommend them!

Skye

(2011) Definitely **Ron the Sewer Rat!**

Dianne

(2011) Let me add that when our neighbor had an unnamed company fix their sewer line and that company managed to take ours out in the process, we had **Cichy's** (<http://www.cichyswaterandsewer.com/>) come out to diagnose the problem (the unnamed company couldn't (or didn't want to?) find the problem). Based on their professionalism, as well as the quote they gave us if they were to fix it, I have to highly recommend them.

Amos

(2011) We had **Cichy** do the digging up and replacement - I recommend them, they were responsive and reasonably priced.

Naomi

(2011) We had to have our (sewer line replaced) a few years ago and used **Cichy**. I do not recall the price but they were the best quote we got at the time and they did a good job. They also removed some shrubs for us for free since they already had their digging equipment on site.

Glenn

(2011) We like **Robert's Plumbing**, Bob Wussler, 651-426-9650. Or try Kirk Hall as a side job, 612-366-1943 if that's an option. I've worked with both of them. Good plumbers, good character.

Peter

(2011) We too have an original tub in our house and just went through the same exact thing. When I need someone, I turn to my realtor and property owner friend who has superb recommendations for every kind of service. She referred me to **Richard Brandes**. He was wonderful. Came out on a Sunday and also gave us a discount for paying in cash. Great guy, very sweet, and very good with older plumbing. Nice prices as well. His number is 952-412-5545

Kate

(2011) My family has been using **Substad plumbing** for ages!

Kathy

(2011) I highly recommend Suzanne from **Xtreme Plumbing!** You can reach her by e-mail: suzanne@xstreamplumbing.com or phone: 612-369-4981

www.xstreamplumbing.com

Laurel

(2011) We use **Ron the Sewer Rat** for yearly cleanings (though they just let us know we could switch to every other year if we want). <http://www.ronthesewerrat.com/> Good luck!

Lisa

(2010) Based on this board's recommendation I had Dan Substad from **Substad Plumbing** out on Monday to fix my leaky sink. He did an excellent job, was fairly quick, and a really nice guy (haven't received the bill yet, so can't comment on the exact price, but his hourly rate seemed very fair). I plan to use him for future plumbing needs and would definitely recommend him.

Emily

(2010) I have been using Dan (**Substad Plumbing**) for 15 years for plumbing in my building. He is great!

Josephine

(2010) We've used **Bob Cornelius, Service Repair**, 612-866-3523 for 15 or so years. He's very good, reasonable and knows how to fix old plumbing. If you look back a page or two in the forum there's a listing of recommended contractors gleaned from various threads. I think there are several plumbers listed.

Amy

(2010) **Substad Plumbing** 612-724-1342. Accommodating and capable. He's solved a lot of emergencies for me over 20 years.

(2010) I highly recommend **Tom Sidla**, he does great work and he is reasonably priced..and as a bonus.. he does not charge a cent for a estimate when he come to your home. 612-396-4798 pipedreamplumbing.net

(2010) We have used **Norblom's Plumbing** (they are the plumber for sears as well...they installed our washer and dryer). We have used them a couple other times too. Very professional and great plumbing.

Margaret

(2010) If they haven't been mentioned yet, I highly recommend **Weld and Sons**

Plumbing. Fantastic service, fast response and kind service folks.

Miriam

(2010) Add **Substad Plumbing** to the good contractors list. 612-724-1342.

Mark

(2009) **Ron the Sewer Rat's** people bring in a 200-pound industrial machine that snakes out the drain. Even if Reddy Rent had this size machine, it would be very difficult to get down the basement stairs. The drain cleaning costs \$135 for the first hour, and then \$65 for each hour after that. Since I had not had mine done since I bought the building (17 years ago) it cost me \$230. They suggest you clean out your drain once a year and I will certainly do that now as I have a large tree of my own in the front as well as the city trees that line the street. It does not harm the clay pipes at all. Their phone number is 612-724-8253 or www.ronthesewerrat.com. Josephine

(2009) I had sent this out before. \$135 for first hour seems alot then \$65 after. I know a plumber who does drain cleaning on side who does it for \$75 per hour. His name is **Jeremy** 612/644-9478.

(2009) This just happened to us last week too. We used **Ron the Sewer Rat** as well and were happy with them, they came to our house the same day and their rates were reasonable.

Naomi

(2009) Chalk up another vote for **Ron the Sewer Rat!** We were pleased with their service in August 2009, too.

Ann

(2009) They were out at my house for 2 hours and it cost \$165.00. I had roots that grew into the pipes. The website is www.ronthesewerrat.com - all the pricing is on the website. I would highly recommend them.

David

(2009) Who would have guessed a (Ron the) **Sewer Rat** from Minneapolis would be so popular. After everyone and their mother recommended him, I gave the Rat a call. They came out last night and fixed the problem. I'm now a proud member of the Sewer Rat fan club. Thank you for all the recommendations.

David

(2009) Lives and works in our community, used them for years for light duty jobs.

Ron the Sewer Rat. <http://www.ronthesewerrat.com/> 612/724-8253

(2009) Yes, Dan Substad, **Substad Plumbing**, 612-724-1342 EXCELLENT! We've used him for years.

Dianne

(2009) Yes, **Barnes Plumbing**. Try out Angie's List for more information and for more companies like Barnes. It is well worth the cost.

Nathan

(2009) **Bob Cornelius**, Service Repair, 612-866-3523

Have used him at for years at more than one address - reasonable, professional, great troubleshooter.

Brigid

(2009) Plumbing call **A.P.I.** (Work in SENA all the time). 612-245-5400. For Drain call Joe @ **Drain Busters** 952-925-9583 (Est. SENA) cheapest quality drain cleaners I have ever found. Next up would be "**Ron the sewer rat**" if you can get him...P.S. Pex - (Flex) plumbing is what they use in new construction now and can be a fraction of the cost if anyone wants to replace horizontal lines for better water pressure in our older SENA homes.

Jay

(2009) We've used these two firms, both served us well: **Southtown Plumbing** at 612-866-3057. They cleared my sewer line (cost me \$100) and did my kitchen and bath remodel. **Blaylock Plumbing** at 612-869-7531.

Jim

(2009) I've had good luck on a couple of occasions with **Randy Lane and Sons Plumbing**. I found them through Angie's List, of which I am a member. They are independent (not a national chain), a family business, based in North Minneapolis. I prefer to patronize southside merchants, but I've had a couple of unfortunate experiences with plumbers based in our neighborhood. The website for Randy Lane and Sons is <http://www.randylaneandsonsplumbing.com/>

Karl

(2009) Personally, I can't say enough about **Ron the Sewer Rat**. Lives in the neighborhood, and has done my plumbing for years. My mom also is caretaker and has all her work done by Ron. She has never had any problem either and I found they are pretty comparable in price.

Becky

(2009) **D C Annis** was very reasonably priced (\$100), came out to house the next day, and were only at my place for less than an hour. The guy said he'd take a look at the clog and let me know what was going on. Then gave me the \$100 quote. 612-861-6425.

Kimber

Remodel/Additions

(2016) We ended up working with Dave Rozak at **Custom Contracting** in St Paul. If your situation is anything like ours was I would highly, highly recommend you give Dave a call. Our basement used to be a storage room - unfinished and really unusable. Now it is a finished part of our home. Complete with a bathroom and shower. Dave is very adept at working with old homes and listened well. Strong recommendation for them. Good luck.

Chris

(2016) We had a good experience with **Castle Building & Remodeling**. They did kitchen work for us last year in the summer - took down a wall, replaced countertops and backsplash, installed a few new cabinets that matched our original cabinets. They were responsive and did nice work. Original estimate was a bit higher than we liked but we

went back and asked to modify the project to make it less expensive and they were happy to do that. They also have designers on staff who are key to the design process.

Naomi

(2016) We used **Castle Remodeling** for a detailed basement remodel last fall and found the prices to be reasonable. They did outstanding work and stand by their craftsmanship. We too were turned off by other companies that had outrageously high minimums for similar projects.

Adam

(2015) My friend Brad does great work, and just bought his first house in the neighborhood (well technically Corcoran by just a few houses). I've worked with him on a couple of projects and always appreciate his attention to detail, efficiency, and dependability. He's at 773-484-9004 or **steadycraftbuilders@gmail.com**, and you can also enjoy some photos of his work at:

<https://www.facebook.com/SteadyCraftLLC>

<http://www.steadycraftllc.com/work.html>

Brian

(2015) A friend of mine who lives in the Field/Regina neighborhood area has been using **www.ironriverco.com** 952 442 1762 She says they are great to work with. She has had them do two roofs, all windows, and are currently remodeling their master bedroom and bathroom. I asked if she would recommend them to the forum and she said "ABSOLUTELY".

Jim

(2015) **Krishna Dorney** did a great job with a partial remodel of our bathroom and is local to the neighborhood. <https://www.linkedin.com/pub/krishna-dorney/61/497/b60>

Andrew

(2015) We had a complete bathroom remodel and a kitchen "face lift" done by Mona Robbins of **Northland Remodeling**. She's easy to be around, tries to keep costs as low as possible, does great work and most of all is very creative. She was recommended to us by our nephew who had a basement remodel done by her. We've since recommended her to several people. Here's her website: <http://www.northland-remodeling.com/home> and phone number: 612-845-5588.

Amy

(2014) Make certain to talk with these folks: **TreHus Builders**

www.trehus.biz

612.729.2992

Nadja

(2014) We just built a 3 car garage and we also plan on building an addition (to the basement and 2 stories). **John Drucker** (612 722 0066) was our architect. He's not only professional, but very reasonable in price. I live right by you (44th and 31st), if you want to drop by and look at the garage that is already up, but also the blue prints he drew up for our addition.

Debra

(2014) **Phillip Koski** is a wonderful architect who lives in also lives in an old bungalow just a neighborhood north in Corcoran. His contact info is: phillip at koskiarchitecture.com or 612.598.6867. His website is <http://www.koskiarchitecture.com/#!>.

I think he'd definitely be sensitive to the structure of your home.

Eden

(2014) Architect Ted Barnhill lives in the Ericsson neighborhood and has designed additions for several homes - including on the 4600 and 4700 block of 31st Ave, 4700 block of 30th, and currently on 4700 block of 29th. He knows how to skillfully expand homes while staying true to the aesthetic of our area! His firm is **Design 45**. www.designfortyfive.com; ted@designfortyfive.com; or 612-377-4322.

And when the time comes for a builder, we have lots of great folks in the neighborhood too. **Stinson Builders, Terra Firma**, and more!

Best of luck,

Leah

(2014) I had great luck with **Acacia Architects** and **Jeremiah Battles**. <http://www.acaciaarchitects.com/home/>

Matt

(2013) We had structural beams repaired/replaced by **Jepsen Engineering**, and were very satisfied with the work. Here is a link, and my description of the project:

<http://www.jepseninc.com/>

<http://thisoddbhouseblog.wordpress.com/2012/08/01/beam-me-up/>

Hope this helps,

Thor.

(2013) We just had our kitchen remodeled, and we are quite pleased with the results. The 'before' and 'after' is amazing. I recommend **Greg Root**. You can reach him at 651-238-0659.

Steve

(2013) We had **Castle Remodeling** and building do ours.

<http://www.castlebri.com/home.html> we were impressed with the entire process.

Scot

(2013) We decided against doing this type of remodel, but were very impressed by the patience and wisdom shown by both **Building Arts** and **Buck Brothers**. We got full bids from both and visited places where they'd done the work we were considering. I would have been happy to work with either one, but we went with a simpler rehab instead of the more involved job. Building Arts: www.building-arts.net/, Buck Brothers - <http://www.buck-bros.com/>.

Brigid

(2013) We have some great resources living in the neighborhood who I know would be happy to talk with you. Architect **Ted Barnhill** with www.designfortyfive.com added two stories onto his own Ericsson house, designed my attic remodel, designed a fantastic two-story addition for a close neighbor, a total house addition/remodel for another... the list goes on. Ted gets our neighborhood needs - he knows how to skillfully expand our

houses while keeping with the scale of the neighborhood.

Jason Stinson also lives in the neighborhood and was just featured in the StarTribune last weekend for his new build on the River Road. www.stinsonbuildersinc.com Both Ted and Jason are committed to being "green" as well. I can also attest to **Terra Firma's** work - Peter and his colleagues are great!

Don't be put off by the high-profile, high-buck projects featured on their websites! I know they are happy to talk to neighbors about projects big and small. Best of luck!
Leah

Roofing

(2016) **George Hulinsky** 612-272-4101
Jay

(2015) We had **Kaufman Roofing** do our roof probably about eight or nine years ago. We had leakage almost every year from behind the chimney even after having 3 other roofing companies work on it but have not had it leaked since Kaufman roofing redid it. They put on the new with different pitch behind the chimney. Have not had a leakage in all of the eight or nine years. Love the work they did and the service they gave me.
Cindy

(2015) **Kaufman Roofing** and sheet metal did our flat roof. Lowest bid by far and best follow through, though it may be a different segment of the company that does shingled roofs.
Jim

(2015) We got a number of quotes to repair/replace our garage roof, from contractors both local to the neighborhood and not. The most impressive by far was **Nilles Builders** in St Paul, (651) 222-8701. Their price was the lowest by a significant margin, and they also had the best follow-through and communication. They're just finishing the work today, and we're very happy with it.
Sarah

(2014) **Coates Roofing**. Kevin is fantastic! "A" rating on Angies List. *(952) 929-8141*
Julie

(2014) Start by getting your roof checked by a good roofing company. We've used **BAC Construction** - 612-721-5500 - in the past and they are great about not doing any more than what was needed. They'll come out and patch roof leaks. This will probably solve your ceiling leaks inside the home.
Dan

(2014) I'd recommend **Thompson Exteriors** in our neighborhood. They replaced our roof and sided our garage a few years ago and then repaired the roof and other exterior items (like our cedar fence!) damaged by the solstice storm last summer. Good guys and reasonable rates. We worked with Joe Patterson. Contact info: 3757 Cedar Avenue

South; (612) 722-8428

Laura

(2012) I have had **BLT Services** replace my roof and all of my windows. I have been happy with their work. I am hoping I can afford to have them put a deck on my house this summer. Ask for Frank at 651-982-2671.

Cindy

(2012) A few years ago, both I and a neighbor had new roofs, and we both chose **Ken Green Roofing**, 3600 Minnehaha Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55406 612/721-6705 Got the job finished on time, and I was quite satisfied with the work.

Tim

(2012) **Try RR Remodeling Inc**, 952-465-1147. They just did our roof, gutters, and window wraps. We are very happy with their work.

Diane

(2011) We had Brad from **Ken's Roofing** out earlier this winter, and he was great, and reasonable compared to the guys from way out in the burbs I've ended up calling when desperate. Ken's Roofing (Minnehaha & 36th), 612/721-6705

Minke

(2010) Steve Toddie at **JNS Builders** is great! <http://www.jnsbuilders.com>

Karen

(2010) John Neumann, the main contact, 612-267-7137, is the guy I would call....he works with **Don's Weather Out Co.**

Doris

(2009) I just got a new roof on my house and garage this spring. I got 4 bids and the prices varied by \$2,000! I used and would recommend **JNS Buildings**.

<http://www.jnsbuildersmn.com>

Karen

(2009) We have also used **Ken's Roofing** and were pleased. He replaced a small flat roof on our home. We got various estimates, and went with Ken. I would use them again. Good luck!

Chris

(2009) **Ken's Roofing** (Minnehaha) did a small roof project for me about 7 years ago (the balcony over my front door). They solved a leaking problem I'd been having for years that several other contractors had unsuccessfully tried to fix. I thought they were honest and professional.

Lisa

(2009) About 4 years ago we received estimates from 5 different vendors. We eventually went with **Gopher Roofing**. They came in with the lowest bid and did a great job. They did the roof of our house and garage and were in and out in a matter of days.

Becky

(2009) I also had similar success with **Gopher Roofing**.

Kimber

(2009) I cannot say enough positive things about Jeromy. He did fantastic work on multiple projects in and outside of our home. Great prices, above and beyond service. Jeromy Whitney **Heinen & Lange Construction Inc.** 651-248-5164 cell 651-340-3190 office/fax
Brendan

(2009) I had my whole house & garage re-roofed a few years ago, after a big hailstorm finished off my already old shingles. Based on the recommendation of 2 neighbors, I went with Ken Green, of **Ken's Roofing** (Minnehaha & 36th, 612/721-6705), and I was very happy with the results.
Tim

Siding

(2015) We used **Foley** and are very happy with their (stucco) work.
Sammi

(2015) Highly HIGHLY recommend **Marcus Wise Masonry**. 612.729.7657 He patched up our stucco on our house AND then offered to fix up our front stairs with the leftovers!! REALLY GREAT GUY!
Tracey

(2014) **Thompson Exteriors** - local, right in our neighborhood (good siding repair company)
Jason

(2014) You should try calling **Marcus Wise Masonry**. He's a super nice guy (with an awesome Angie's List rating) and lives in the neighborhood. He's really good with stucco chimney patches, I bet he can tackle it. Here's his # 612.729.7657
Dominic

(2013) I can recommend **Stephen Donnelly Stucco**, stuccoman.com, 952-884-1848. They did my chimney and it turned out well. Also, Larry Baker, whom I've met since my chimney project, is another member of the Donnelly family and he even lives in our neighborhood! His site is thinkstucco.com, 612-721-2011. He's a good guy and I've heard his work is very good also.
Scott

(2013) Make sure to check out **Think Stucco** (www.think-stucco.com) as you check out companies. My husband grew up in Standish-Ericsson neighborhood and has worked on homes here for 3 decades, we raise our family and own this business here, and six of our employees live in the neighborhood.
Andrea

(2013) Best stucco company in town is **Donnelly Stucco** at www.donnellystucco.com
Josephine

(2013) Two recommendations for you. **Larsen Brothers Stucco** - Gary's cell is 612 986 5677. Also try **Stephen Donnelly Stucco** at (952) 884-1848. I have not used them personally but several of my Ericsson neighbors have. Good luck!
Leah

(2011) We had **Sussell Builders** of Saint Paul complete a Hardie siding project for us this year, and we are delighted. We are in the 3800 block of 21st Ave S, let me know if you want to have a look at their work.
James

(2011) I used **Twin Cities Siding Professionals** about 3 years ago. I was very happy with them. I have dogs so kept asking them to make sure they got all the nails up. I only found a couple in the front where the dogs don't go anyway.
<http://www.tcsidingprofessionals.com/>
Kari

Tile

(2017) We had Caleb from **SolidSurface** do our bathroom a while back and we couldn't be happier about it. The finished product looks great and they were really wonderful to work with. We highly recommend them.
Willy

(2012) Give this guy a call....he is the owner, and is as honest as the day is long. **Zenon ["Zen"] Pawlykowych** at 612-325-2107.
Marcea

(2012) We have used Jason Degerstrom (**JD Tile & Stone**). He has done a great job for us and was reasonable. His number is 651-274-3159.
Charlotte

Tree Services

(2017) Just wanted to let folks know that **Harmony Tree Works** were AWESOME! They were very conscientious of our requests and stayed in close communication throughout the entire process. All at a very affordable price too. I have had some very bad episodes with other contract work in the past, so this was a very refreshing experience. Highly recommended.
Charlie

(2017) I would recommend **Harmony Tree Works**....a brother team....soooo good at what they do.....and very reasonable.
Doris

(2017) **Bratt** was great for a bunch of that type of work last summer - very good to deal with and reasonable. And they are right in the neighborhood, which is nice.
Minke

(2016) I've used both **A Tree Service** and **Bratt Tree Service** and both were fabulous and reasonably priced. Bratt recently took down a huge tree of mine and when I emailed a quote request one evening, arrived at my house the next morning to look at the tree, provide a quote, share wealth of knowledge, and were available in short order to do the work for a reasonable price. They cleaned up the yard and left behind only a great impression of their services!

Cari

(2016) Hi - I just had **A Tree on 38th** trim two huge trees of mine about a month ago. They did a wonderful job and the CLEANED UP after themselves. I would recommend them over others, I researched four companies before I picked A Tree.

Josephine

(2016) **Bratt Tree** is great, affordable, does jobs big and small, and are right in the neighborhood.

Minke

(2016) We got a great estimate from **Tom Montrose** 612-722-4820. We didn't use him ourselves but our neighbor had him trim the tree that was on her side of the fence. He did a good job keeping the tree even.

Amy

(2016) (**A-Tree Service**) trimmed our trees for us 4 years ago. It was reasonably priced back then, about \$400 total. Best estimate we had and they did a good job. Our trees ended up being the only ones on the block that didn't fall or break during that huge wind storm in 2012. :-)

Megan

(2015) I just used **Urban Tree and Landscaping** (<http://www.utrees.com/>) to trim a huge maple in our backyard and they were great! They are also nearby and no one has mentioned them in this post yet so I thought I'd add another recommendation.

Erin

(2015) We had **Bratt** trim a couple big silver maples for us last month (that had probably never been trimmed in their 60+ years). They did a great job, they started on time, and came in at their estimate.

Mark

(2015) You can get estimates from most places for free. I got at least 4 estimates. There was a big difference between some of the bids, so I'm glad I did multiple bids! I also looked up reviews online (I skipped going with one particular company because of its bad reviews even though it was the lowest bid). I ended up going with **Bratt** (and they were great), but I had a neighbor who ended up going with another company because of a lower bid.

Melissa

(2014) **A Tree Service** on 38th street by Everett's meat market. They are wonderful family business.

Nancy

(2014) You can always try **North Star Tree Care** at 612-419-7446. I was the City of Richfield Forester in a previous life and they do great work at a competitive price. Always make sure a tree contractor has insurance.
Raymond

(2014) I used **Slibe Tree Service** last year. One of my best friends referred me to him. His crew was amazing and he charged an honest price when it seemed a lot of folks were taking advantage of the emergency last year.

Slibe Hodge Tree & Snow Authority
13654 Harmony Way Apple Valley MN 55124
612-296-4245
Cory

(2014) I still recommend **Lone Oak Tree Service** or **Rainbow Treecare** at 651-251-3810.
Dianne

(2013) Try Ben with **Hiawatha Tree Service!** SUPER nice guy and his estimate for our downed tree was nearly 1/2 the price of the others we checked out. If you can wait a few weeks when things quiet down, it may even cost less. He also removed a large tree from my dear friend's home this week and she said he did an excellent job.
<http://hiawathatreeservices.com/>
Skye

(2013) Two words, **Urban Tree**. Tell Gabe I sent you. In less than two hours they did what felt impossible to me - got rid of the huge tree off my house that broke the power line and took down big damaged pine in front. They responded today before 2 p.m. to a request I submitted on their web site late last night. In less than 2 hours, hard work was done and they had only clean up left. Reasonable rates. Very challenging job, and they were excellent.
Laura

(2013) I have used **Beaver Tree Service** 612-727-1671 in the past and they were excellent.
Kathleen

(2013) We recently used **A-Tree Service** for pruning. They were quick and efficient. I'm not sure what their work load is right now. They are at 1849 E 38th 612.724.6045
Wendy

(2012) I just wanted to second the recommendation for **Harmony Tree Works**. I had them remove a HUGE silver maple from my front yard over the past two days and my neighbors remarked how professional, hard-working, and careful they were during the process, while I was at work during the day. They were willing to deal with my millions of questions and worries, and also came back for a third day to do extra clean-up. I'm really glad I chose them.
Tony

(2011) Several years ago my neighbor had a tree cut down that was very close to his house and he used **Northeast Tree Service**. 789-9255. He was happy with their service.
Cindy

(2011) For tree care, I highly recommend arborist Bill Masterman at **Bartlett Tree Experts!** <http://www.bartlett.com/index.cfm>
Leah

(2011) Michael Kowsowski at **Harmony Tree Works** 612-702-5987 He is ISA (International Society of Arborists) certified, licensed, and insured, and his brother John works with him. The thing to remember about them is that they don't use big, expensive trucks and rigs, and instead rely on climbing with ropes and harnesses. This makes their bids much lower usually than the rest, and they're very good for trees and shrubs.
Scott

(2011) **Urban Tree Care** - 612-242-8337 Jim is great and he lives in the neighborhood.
Leslie

(2011) There is a firm in the neighborhood called **A-Tree Service**. Their office is at 38th St and Standish Ave. They did a small shrub removal job for me last summer and I was happy with both the price and the quality of service. Web site: <http://www.atreeservices.com/index.html>
Karl

(2011) Last year we had a significant amount of trimming done on our trees by **Terra Canopies** (I think that is what it was called)! Excellent service at a reasonable price. Would definitely recommend.
Sonya

(2011) I also highly recommend **A-Tree Service** on 38th and Longfellow. They are good to their word, reasonable priced, and neighborhood peeps. They trimmed my huge old Ash tree last fall and I was very happy with their work.
Patricia

(2011) I had a good experience with **Rainbow Tree Care**, who trimmed an ash tree for me (they also sprayed for ants last year and it was very effective). Would definitely recommend them, though I'm not sure how their prices compare.
Sarah

(2011) We used **Bratt** and were fine with the service and the price (we had the tree cut down in the winter season so it was cheaper all around). Good luck!
Lisa

(2011) We used **A Tree Service** also and were happy with the work. The price was significantly less than another bid (I can't even remember the other company). I asked them to come back to trim a little more off the tops of the trees and they did that right away. They pruned 4 trees and removed one.
Amy

(2011) We just had a spruce removed from our backyard by **Bratt**. They were fast and professional. I didn't really shop around, so I don't know how their rates compare with others'. I did think they charged a reasonable amount.

Justin

(2010) I recommend **Lone Oak Tree Service** at 612-251-6973. I believe they will give you a free estimate. I have not had a tree removed but they have trimmed several trees for me over the past 10 years.Dianne

(2010) I have a friend named Joe Walker who owns **Walker's Tree Service**. He has removed many trees in the area including my elm that was sick and he was much cheaper and did a great job. His # is (612) 267-5159

(2010) **A-Tree Service** in our neighborhood on 38th St. near Everett's Grocery store. Talk to Cleve.....he helped me with a big tree and his price was 55% less than my two other bids. Another guy that I have used is **Dave Hendrickson**...again, reasonable.....952-435-8746.

(2010) We went with **Urban Tree** and they did a very good job <http://www.utrees.com>

(2010) I have also use Cleve at **A-Tree Service** on 38th. Local, very competitive and as good as Lone Oak (I have used them too) in terms of service, cleaning up after the job, respecting the rest of your yard...and pretty much everything else you hope for with a tree trimming/removal service.

Lea

(2010) We had great luck with **Bratt**, just had a huge pine tree removed. Good luck to you!

Lisa

(2010) We also hired Cleve from **A-Tree Service** to remove a good size tree, about 40', from our backyard and grind the stump. His price was well below the other bids, and he even had his guys climb the tree to take it down rather than use a cherry-picker since the tree couldn't be reached by truck without driving through our flower beds. They did a great job, and I like that they're a neighborhood company.

Brad

Upholstery

(2012) **Cushion Magician**. Chrys has done a chair and ottoman for us. She also re-carpeted our mecat tree in exchange for a website. The consumer guy at the Star-Tribune John Ewoldt did an article on upholsterers. He chose Chrys and was very happy with the work and the price.

Amy

(2011) **Kelly Roberts Upholstery**, 3025 29 Ave, Minneapolis. This man or his Dad has upholstered most everything in my house over the past 30 years! He is very good.

Barb

(2011) We just had two chairs recovered by **Cushion Magician** in SE Mpls and were very pleased with the results & cost

http://cushionmagician.com/contact_cushion_magician.htm

Ann

(2010) **Robert Kelly** is a fine upholsterer. I have had many pieces done, first, by his father, and after the father's passing, Robert has taken the business. I think Robert Kelly is fairly priced. I always had the fabric in hand and asked for his ideas for trim, etc. He makes good decisions and does not take the easy way out. Over the years, I've used other upholsterers, but no more. Robert is the best. Yes, he's in our neighborhood. His phone would be in the book. His address is "somewhere close to 3025 29 Ave". I wish I had his card at my fingertips. Just in case you need fabric, try Mill End Fabrics. I have never been disappointed in quality or wear-ability.

Barb

(2010) I'd recommend Cushion Magician. Chrys has done a chair and an ottoman for us as well as some pillows for our couch. Her prices are very reasonable and she does great work. She's in Prospect Park. The website is <http://www.cushionmagician.com>.

Amy

Windows

(2016) Try **A-Craft Wdws** up in Seward. I used to work for Habitat for Humanity, and A-Craft did all kinds of good window work for us. They've been around since the 70's.

<http://acraftwindows.com/> (612) 722-7255

Scott

(2015) We have used **Midwest Window & Siding Co.** on Minnehaha Ave & 37th Street for all our window & door replacement. We've been very happy with them as they've been able to match the color of the replacement window with the current wood trim.

Gary 612-721-5333. Certainly worth throwing in the mix if you are getting estimates from several places. Good luck!

Dianne

(2015) We just did all **Anderson** last summer. Quality is high and so is the price. Marvin would have saved us almost nothing.

James

(2015) Dale Mahacek @ **warm front windows.**

612-508-3853 - Tell him Jay sent cha.

Jay

(2015) I had some glass block windows installed in 2011. (Denny) **Breen Enterprises, Inc.** dba: Classic Glass Block, Forest Lake, 651.982.6292. They were a reasonable price (cheapest bid of 3), good work, knew what they were doing. Explained the options well, found on Angie's List and had a high rating.

Gordon

(2012) **Midwest Window & Siding Co** replaced all of our storm windows, too, and we've been very happy with the result.

Ann

(2012) I was very happy with the work done by **Midwest Window & Siding Co.** (Had all windows on my house replaced.) They're located on Minnehaha Avenue near 38th Street, right here in Longfellow. Here's a link to their website:

<http://www.midwestwindowsidingco.com/>

Lisa

(2012) I highly recommend **SP Windows**. When we were looking to replace windows last year we asked around and several neighbors had used SP because they specialize in replacing windows in older homes. We are very happy with the results. The windows look great from the outside and on the inside they are matched perfectly to the old wood, including the dark stain and the custom piano windows. You would never know they are not original. We have noticed a big difference in energy saving all year round and so easy to clean. Sy and his crew were professional and clearly this is their craft and they do it well. Sy can be reached at 612-232-0716.

Cate

(2011) I used **Twin Cities Siding Professionals** (for glass block windows) was beyond thrilled with all the work they did for me.

Kari

(2011) We hired a great contractor to do our attic remodel. The glass block window he put in was about \$400 but it was a big window. His name is **Mark Connolly** and his number is 612-703-2678.

Erin

(2011) We just had our kitchen windows replaced by **Builders & Remodelers** and had a GREAT experience. The sales rep we worked with was Fred Schmuclach, and he was so friendly and knowledgeable. Builders & Remodelers is 612/827-5471. Good luck!

Elizabeth

(2011) **A Craft Windows** has been doing retro fitting and sash replacement in the twin cities for over 25 years. I have used them on hundreds of projects. Talk to Mike.

Dan

(2011) We have used ***Midwest Window & Siding Company*** for many projects over the years. They do excellent work: father & son team. They are located at 37th & Minnehaha. Phone is 612-721-5333. I highly recommend them. Dianne

(2011) We also used **Midwest** last fall to get a whole new set of storm windows & a new storm door for our house. Very pleased with their work & the cost.

Ann

(2011) We had **Twin Cities Glass Block** install a glass block window in our bathroom in 2006. They did good work, would recommend them.

Jim

(2011) **Midwest** is great - I had storm windows put in and they vacuum up really well after they are finished. That is an A+ rating.

Josephine

(2009) Last year I had about half of the windows in my duplex (the ones with rotting wood, cracked glass, etc.) replaced with the inserts made by **Kolbe** in Wisconsin. Very good quality and affordable. <http://www.kolbe-kolbe.com/> I notice a big reduction in draftiness. Although I'm not thrilled with the design and fit of the screens, not having the trauma of washing second floor windows is such a joy!

Lisa

(2009) I just had my windows replaced with inserts...the old weights are removed, space insulated, and it is much cheaper than an entire new window. I had estimates done for Pella and Marvin windows, and ended up going with **Marvin windows and Wonder Woman Construction**. I wanted to support a local, independent company that also employed women, and they were the cheapest bid I got. I was very happy with them. The windows are double hung, custom sized, unfinished wood on the inside (that I will paint), and aluminum clad on the outside.

Megan