



Psalms 92:12a - "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree..."

Before purchasing or selling your Palm Tree:

You want to check the California State Contractors Board website to insure they have a contractor's license on file and that it is current –

<https://www2.cslb.ca.gov/OnlineServices/CheckLicense/LicenseRequest.asp>

The information on this website is taken directly from the California State Licensing Board license database. Along with all the licensing information you should also be able to verify if they have the following:

1. C27 Classification, Landscaping Contractor:
 - A landscape contractor constructs, maintains, repairs, installs, or subcontracts the development of landscape systems and facilities for public and private gardens and other areas which are designed to aesthetically, architecturally, horticulturally, or functionally improve the grounds within or surrounding a structure or a tract or plot of land. In connection therewith, a landscape contractor prepares and grades plots and areas of land for the installation of any architectural, horticultural and decorative treatment or arrangement.
2. Contractors Bond:
 - A Contractor's Bond is a requirement for the issuance of an active license, reactivation of a license, and for the maintenance of an actively renewed license (Business & Professions Code Section [7071.6](#)). The bond is filed for the benefit of consumers who may be damaged as a result of defective construction or other license law violations, and for the benefit of employees who have not been paid wages that are due to them.
3. Bond of Qualifying Individual:
 - In addition to a Contractor's Bond, a Bond of Qualifying Individual may be required for the issuance of an active license, reactivation of a license, and to maintain an actively renewed license (Business and Professions Code Section [7071.9](#)).
4. Workers Compensation Insurance:
 - Workers' compensation insurance is a requirement for the issuance of an active license, reactivation of an inactive license, and for the maintenance of an actively renewed license, unless the licensee does not employ anyone in a manner that is subject to the workers' compensation laws of California (Business and Professions Code, Section [7125](#)). Workers' compensation insurance is not required for expired or inactive licenses.

You can also check the Better Business Bureau "BBB" website at:

<http://sandiego.bbb.org/Find-Business-Reviews/>

On this website the BBB issues Reliability Reports on all businesses, whether or not they are BBB accredited. If a business is a BBB Accredited Business, it is stated in this report. BBB assigns grades from A to F with pluses & minuses A+ is the highest grade and F is the lowest. The grade represents BBB's degree of confidence that the business is operating in a trustworthy manner and will make a good faith effort to resolve any customer concerns. Paradise Tree Company has always maintained an A+ rating.



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Some tips before working with a landscape contractor:

1. Hire only State-licensed contractors.
2. Check a contractor's license number online at:
<https://www2.cslb.ca.gov/OnlineServices/CheckLicense/LicenseRequest.asp>
or by calling 800-321-2752.
3. Get at least three bids.
4. Get three references from each bidder and review past work in person.
5. Make sure all project expectations are in writing and only sign the contract if you completely understand all the terms and conditions.
6. Confirm that the contractor has workers' compensation insurance for employees.
7. Never pay more than 50% down...**DON'T** pay in cash.
8. Don't let payments get ahead of the work.
9. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project, including payments.
10. Don't make the final payment until you are satisfied with the job.

*** ALWAYS ask for payment in full before allowing them to start removing any trees or palms from your property.

