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Current Market

The building industry has been hard hit in new home construction and commercial projects, so you can be assured that there are a lot of pseudo remodelers entering into this area of construction. Building in this country hasn't stopped it has shifted over to remodeling. Everybody becomes a remodeler when the economy is bad.

Make sure that the person or company you select to perform your residential project is a dedicated remodeler. Attempt to avoid conditional remodelers who may not be there for you when the economy improves or worse yet, not accustomed to meeting the special conditions and challenges of remodeling a home.

New EPA Lead Rule (RRP)

Effective April 22, 2010, new ORS and EPA regulations will require that anyone performing renovation work in pre-1978 housing must be a Certified Renovator who is employed by a Certified Firm. To be certified requires the successful completion of training in an EPA Certified Course that covers how to control lead based paint dust, chips and debris caused in typical residential remodeling and renovation processes. Performing this type of work after this date without being certified can lead to fines of up to \$5,000 per day.

Lead based paint is commonly found in homes older than 1978. All contractors, painters, remodelers, window installers, plumbers, electricians, maintenance technicians, property managers, rental property owners, and anyone in the housing industry must abide by these new rules and education requirements.

If you are planning any remodel work in your home and if it is pre-1978, whomever you hire should be taking measures to protect your home and your health. A Certified Renovator is trained to perform the renovation activity in your home safely.

EJD Development LLC is trained and certified to follow the EPA guidelines when working in your pre-1978 house.

EPA Brochure is here:

<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf>