

Choosing a Plumber in San Diego: 5 questions to ask before you hire a Plumber in San Diego

San Diego, California Dec 18, 2021 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - For homeowners looking for a plumber in San Diego, Kellems Plumbing has compiled a list of general tips and suggestions for choosing the 'right' plumber in San Diego.

Plumbing problems usually catch us by surprise and can range from clearing a clog, to your water heater malfunctioning. For any plumbing issue, the last thing you want to do is waste time searching for a new plumber. This is even more important during an emergency since every moment could be precious and the quality of work matters. Knowing what to look for will help you in making a swift decision, and make sure the job gets done right the first time.

This is a significant decision that can bring you joy or heartache. Here are a few tips to keep in mind when choosing a plumber in San Diego.

- Consider only licensed plumbers, especially if your state requires licensing, as most US states do.
- Evaluate only plumbers who can deliver proof of insurance.
- Ask the plumber how long has he/she been in the plumbing industry. The more experience the plumber or company has, the better.
- After the professional analyze your plumbing, he/she should be able to give you accurate estimates of what the charge should be for solving the plumbing problem.
- Ask about the guarantees (your satisfaction with his/her work) included in the pricing estimate, including new parts needed.
- Ask for a list of satisfied customer references—and check them out--before you hire the plumbing professional.

Now that you know the general tips, here are five critical questions you should ask every plumber in San Diego before hiring them:

Are you considering hiring a contractor to solve a plumbing problem? We have the right questions that you need to ask the plumber before you do! The answers will help you choose a plumber who is qualified to solve both minor and major issues. They will also prevent you from hiring the wrong plumber - a mishap that could result in major plumbing issues that could cost you thousands.

1. What is the estimated total cost of fixing your plumbing problem?

Homeowners should be careful, if not skeptical, about quotes they receive over the phone. Good plumbers typically want to see and analyze your piping problem, before giving you an estimate of the total cost of finishing the repairs. Also, experienced professionals include the cost of any new parts needed to complete the repair. You can verify this issue by asking the plumber you're considering if the price estimate includes both parts and labor costs.

2. Ask who will be doing the work?

If the plumber you speak with uses helpers or subcontractors, ask about the credentials and experience they have. You don't want to risk having the person who is actually fixing the plumbing have less training

or experience than the plumber you initially speak with.

3. Is the Plumber Licensed?

If your state requires licensing, be sure your plumber has passed all tests to get a license. You can ask him/her to show evidence of his/her license. Be somewhat wary of newly licensed plumbers without much experience, but they also may provide a better rate than those with more years of experience.

4. Ask, "Are you bonded and insured?"

A "yes" answer should mean the plumber is prepared to give you evidence of his/her bonding and insurance. If asked, tell the plumber you don't want to be legally responsible for plumber injuries while on the job or in your home fixing a plumbing issue. You have the right, if not the duty, to ask this question.

5. Is the rate hourly or fixed?

Clarify the estimate you receive to avoid unwelcome surprises when the repair job is finished. If the plumber tells you the rate is hourly, ask him/her, in the plumber's experience, how long it should take to finish the repairs. The more experience the qualified plumber has the better because it will help the plumber give an accurate estimate of the time it typically takes to complete the repair, assuming the pipes are accessible.

Are you ready to hire a Plumber in San Diego?

Now that you're equipped with all the questions you need to ask, you should be ready to hire the best plumber in San Diego. Contact the plumbing professionals at Kellems Plumbing to learn more about our [plumbing services](#).

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