



12 Questions to Ask Before Hiring a Painter in Los Angeles

A Homeowner's Guide to Protecting Your Investment
Because the right painter protects more than just your walls.

We help Los Angeles homeowners protect and elevate their homes through detailed preparation, professional systems, and clean, disciplined execution.

Licensed. Insured. Process-Driven.

Why This Guide Matters

Hiring a painter is not just about choosing a color.

It is about protecting one of your largest investments. The wrong hire can lead to peeling paint, damaged flooring, over-spray on fixtures, incomplete preparation, and costly repainting within just a few years.

The right hire delivers:

- **Thorough, detailed preparation**
- **Clear and professional communication**
- **Durable, long-lasting results**
- **Respect for your home and your time**

Before you sign a contract, ask **these 12 questions**. The answers will tell you everything you need to know.

1. Are you licensed and fully insured in California?

Why it matters:

Unlicensed contractors can expose homeowners to serious liability if something goes wrong.

What to listen for:

A valid California contractor license number and proof of active liability insurance and workers' compensation coverage.

2. Who will actually be working on my property?

Why it matters:

Some companies sell the job but subcontract the labor without clear oversight.

What to listen for:

A transparent explanation of crew structure, experience level, and who supervises the project daily.

3. What prep work is included?

Why it matters:

Preparation determines longevity. Most paint failures are prep failures.

What to listen for:

Sanding, patching, caulking, priming, surface cleaning, masking, and clear protection procedures.

4. What products will you be using and why?

Why it matters:

Not all paint products perform the same, especially in Los Angeles' coastal air and intense sun exposure.

What to listen for:

Specific brand, product line, finish selection, and reasoning behind the choice.

5. How do you protect floors, furniture, landscaping, and fixtures?

Why it matters:

Drips and over-spray can permanently damage surfaces.

What to listen for:

Professional drop cloth systems, plastic masking, daily cleanup standards, and organized jobsite procedures.

6. Do you provide a written, itemized proposal?

Why it matters:

Vague proposals often lead to misunderstandings and surprise costs.

What to listen for:

A detailed scope of work, number of coats, prep specifics, and clearly defined inclusions and exclusions.

7. How do you handle unexpected repairs or change orders?

Why it matters:

Wood rot, drywall damage, and surface issues often reveal themselves once work begins.

What to listen for:

Clear communication and written approval before any additional work is performed.

8. What kind of warranty do you offer?

Why it matters:

A meaningful warranty reflects confidence in workmanship.

What to listen for:

Defined time period, coverage terms, and a clear explanation of what is included.

9. How long will the project take?

Why it matters:

Your home life depends on predictable timelines.

What to listen for:

A realistic schedule, defined start and finish times, and a structured project plan.

10. How do you handle color confirmation?

Why it matters:

Incorrect colors are expensive and frustrating to correct.

What to listen for:

Sample testing, written approvals, and a clear confirmation process before full application.

11. Can I see recent local reviews?

Why it matters:

Consistent, recent reviews reduce risk.

What to listen for:

A direct link to a Google Business profile and repeated mentions of communication, cleanliness, and quality.

12. What makes your company different?

Why it matters:

This reveals whether you are hiring a price-driven contractor or a process-driven professional.

What to listen for:

Clear systems, trained crews, strong supervision, protection standards, and long-term client relationships.

Your Home Deserves Professional Care

Choosing the right painter should feel clear and confident.

If a company hesitates to answer these questions clearly, that tells you something.
If a company answers them before you ask, that tells you even more.

At Zuno Painting, our process includes:

- Detailed surface preparation
- Written, itemized scopes of work
- Daily supervision and organized job sites
- Professional masking and protection systems
- Clear communication from start to finish

We are licensed, fully insured, and committed to doing the job right the first time.
Our goal is not simply to paint your home. It is to protect it.



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All projects should be evaluated individually, and homeowners should verify licensing, insurance, and scope of work before entering into any agreement with a contractor.