

Services Recommended through ISCA listserv (10/10/08)

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Note: The list now includes the dates when each service provider was recommended and any helpful comments, when available. In cases where no comments are provided, it is most likely because the person who asked for recommendations compiled the responses without the comments and forwarded the names to the various people who have maintained this resource over the years. In such cases, there is no record of the recommendations on the listserv; we can't go back and search for the comments. We hope this new and improved list is more helpful to more people.

Note: Washington Consumer Checkbook is an excellent source for information and covers some of these services. Yahoo groups is improved and one can do a search on any of these services and others in the message area of the group. Those items in blue are hyperlinks to the web sites.

Accupuncurists

[Blue Heron Wellness](#), 10723B Columbia Pike, SS 301-754-3730

10/8: They have several excellent acupuncturists

Pion, Carolyn ([Crossings Healing Services](#)), above Whole Foods 301-565-4924

10/08: A wonderful acupuncturist. Very gentle and caring and experienced.

Pollock, Simeon 301-495-0303

Stromberg, Tessler, 6935 Laurel Ave., Takoma Park 301-270-2117 x3

10/8: (no specific comment)

[Strozier, Edward](#) 202-361-4020

Airport Limos

[Airport Connection](#)

3/08: For all 3 airports. Reliable and professional. Comfortable cars. Good price

[Airport Shuttle](#) 800-776-0323

12/06: Affordable and on time

[Maryland Shuttle](#) 301-222-2222; 800-230-0000

12/06: good service, prompt and polite

3/08: We have had good experience, even having to be picked up very early.

Silver Spring Limo

[SuperShuttle](#) (Several negative comments) 800-blue-van

12/06: We've had good luck with them. Driver calls when he's on his way.

12/06: Driver went to the right address, wrong town.

12/06: Driver passed our house. SuperShuttle ended up ordering a taxi for us

12/06: Took forever - driver almost got lost. Almost missed my flight

Alterations (see Tailors and Seamstresses)

Appliances - Repair

A-1 Repairs, 11006 Viers Mill, Wheaton 301-565-5010

8/05: very responsive, makes house calls; (one negative comment also)

[Alco Appliance](#), Beltsville 301-937-6996

5/04: great on repairs; highly rated by Consumers Checkbook

7/04: We have always had a good experience with them

Jeff's Appliance Service, Adelphi MD 301-937-6003

3/08: He was able to order oven part based on phone chat. Was very reasonable

[RepairClinic](#) (for help with do-it-yourself work)

6/02: Can't recommend enough. Use the Repair Guru and Part Detective

Architects

Daitch, Julia ([Caswell Daitch Architects](#)), 9604 Bruce Dr., SS 301-585-8360

5/08: An amazing design eye, committed to reusing space, bringing light in.

Davies, Jay ([Architects at Work](#)), 5522 Lincoln St., Bethesda 301-530-9435

5/08: Great. He designed our 2nd floor addition, reconfiguring existing space

DiNicola, Megan, mdinicola@designcollective.com

5/08: Does great work and has experience with remodels in the area.

[Katinas Bruckwick Architecture](#), 4520 E-W Hwy, Bethesda 301-652-8300

6/08: I would strongly recommend them. Contact was Michael Bruckwick

[Solomon, James](#), Takoma Park 301-585-3776

3/04: Worked very well with the contractor

5/08: He is excellent.

5/08: He did our addition and I can't speak highly enough about him.

Stacy, Amy; Woodmoor 301-593-0999

6/08: (no specific comment)

Attorneys

[Andalman & Flynn](#), Silver Spring 301-563-6685

4/04: Very good. Recommended for wills & estates, employment law

7/05: Recommended for drafting wills

Baum, Bob 301-610-0610

7/05: Recommended for drafting wills

Collins, Richard, Suitland 301-423-8100

7/05: Recommended for drafting wills

DeNovo, Ann 301-654-1200

7/05: Recommended for drafting wills

Dunn, John, 7030 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park 301-270-1002

7/05: Recommended for drafting wills

Fink, Stephanie Fink; Fierst, Barry, [Fierst & Fink](#), Rockville

7/05: Recommended for drafting wills

Karpel, Curtisl, 8601 Georgia Ave., SS 301-495-0070
8/04: Very to the point, accessible. Recommended for wills
[Perlman, Linda](#), Takoma Park 301-891-2200
7/05: Recommended for drafting wills
Rafferty, Catherine 202-244-0608
7/05: Recommended for drafting wills
Zipin, Phil, 8403 Colesville Rd 301-587-9373
8/04: Does general law; nice guy. Recommended for wills

Auto Body Repair

Burnt Mills Auto (Eric Byrd), Silver Spring 301-593-1100
3/08: Used them for years. Good quality service.
Eddie's Auto Body, 936 Philadelphia Ave., SS 301-589-5000
9/06: Very friendly and very inexpensive
[Hanagan's Auto Body](#), Silver Spring 301-589-2260
9/06: Excellent results
[Quattro Auto Body](#), Silver Spring 301-589-5401
3/08: I was very happy and would go back to them.

Auto Glass

[Banner Glass](#), 7900 Fenton 301-589-1577
3/8: Prompt and efficient.
[Miles Glass](#), 8714 Piney Branch Rd. 301-439-5111
Universal Auto Glass 301-509-5187

Auto Mechanics

Beahm's Auto Service, 944 Sligo Ave, SS 301-587-0727
10/05: Competent, fast, reasonably priced, and entirely trustworthy
12/05: Last-minute service was excellent and reasonably priced.
[D&R Servicenter](#) (Kensington)
10/05: Very capable and honest
[Hanagan's Auto Body](#), 933 Selim Rd., SS 301-589-2260
10/05: They've done great work and work well with the insurance companies
Kevin, Amfor Automotive, 2632 Pittman Dr., SS 301-588-5555
10/05: Honest and reasonable
CJ Kendall (Burnt Mills Mobil) 301-593-1200
10/05: Excellent mechanic
Mike (Citgo next to Trader Joe's)
10/05: (no specific comment)
[Murray's Auto Clinics](#), 999 Philadelphia Ave., SS 301-585-7557
(Many, many recommendations over several years) "Reasonable and scrupulous"
7/08: Always great. They only fix what needs to be fixed -- reliable and honest.
7/08: They charged half of the dealer's estimate, for a successful repair

Old Towne Auto, 7060 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park 301-891-3725

10/05: Very reasonable and honest

Wheaton Manor Citgo (Daniel Moskovitz), 2201 Univ. Blvd. 301-949-0308

Auto Sales (helps to find them)

Breitstein, Josh 301-754-2160; 301-346-7838

Barber

Nachinsky, Felix 301-681-7013

Old Georgetown Barber Shop, 7813 Old Georgetown Rd 301-656-6387

3/08: Excellent work, reasonable price

Bathtub Refinishing

[Bath Fitter](#), 2728 Pittman Rd., SS 301-495-4146

12/05: Neighbor reported several recommendations, looked at one "great" job

Betz 301-854-0990

12/05: Reglazing only

[Porcelite](#) 301-595-9131

12/05: Both reglazing and wall relining; relining was fast and looks great

4/08: Excellent alternative to tub replacement. (SoftScrub may dull the finish.)

Bicycles

[The Bicycle Place](#), Grubb Road, SS

6/06: Might be too high-end, but I like those folks

[College Park Bicycles](#)

6/06: Classic, fantastic, bike shop

[City Bikes](#), Conn. Ave., Ch Ch

6/06: They're good people

[Performance Bicycle](#), Rockville 301-468-0808

6/06: A good selection weighted towards the midrange/affordable

[REI](#), College Park

6/06: Probably your best bet

[Silver Cycles](#), Georgia Ave., SS

6/06: Locally owned by actual cyclists

Takoma Park Bikes (I believe they lost their lease) 301-891-1243

Cakes

[BCakes by BKeith](#), Falls Church 703-538-6222

6/08: Delicious and beautiful. Web site has a gallery of novelty cakes.

[Cakelove](#), Ellsworth Dr., Silver Spring 301-565-2253

4/06: Yummy. Maybe more expensive. More adult flavors

[Cakes Plus](#), Laurel 301-490-3600

4/06: Incredible work, good prices, delicious, moist cakes. Worth the drive

[Creative Cakes](#), 8814 Brookeville Rd, Silver Spring 301-587-1599

4/06: They need a week's notice

6/08: They do everthing, and we've had theme cakes made.

Woodmoor Pastry Shop 301-593-7667

4/06: Decadent chocolate cake, terrific job of decorating

Carpenters

Custom Carpentry and Remodeling 301-776-0014; 301-346-2203

5/06: Prices were the best & quality is terrific

Carpets

Eddie Aaronson Custom Flooring, 5603 Whitney Mill Way, R'ville 301-230-6500

8/08: Great service, options, and prices. Knowledgeable and experienced.

Carpet Cleaning

[A Cleaner Carpet Cleaner](#), 301-774-4455

8/08: I've used them several times and had them pick up

[Ayoub N&H Carpet & Rug](#), 10516 Metropolitan Ave., Kensington 240-430-0994

8/08: Ayoub's been around for years.

[Bergmann's Cleaning](#), 10450 Metropolitan Ave., Kensington 301-942-6966

8/08: They pick up and deliver, but you can drop it off and pick up yourself.

8/08: I have had rugs cleaned there and they did a great job.

[Christopher's Inc.](#), Fairfax

1/07: In-plant cleaning for delicate rugs

[Normandy Carpet Care](#), Gaithersburg

1/07: In-plant cleaning for delicate rugs

Carpet Installation

Home Depot

Ken's Carpet Corner, 2662 Univ. Blvd., Wheaton 301-949-0550

Lowe's

Chair Caning

Robert Johnson Cabinet Makers 301-625-5744

1/07: All types of furniture repairs and restoration; excellent work

Chimney

Bryant 301-680-0488

12/05: Seemed very honest; great customer service

Chimney Cricket Sweeps 301-774-6060

12/05: I have a very good opinion of the guy

[High's Chimney Service](#) (Several negative comments) 301-519-3500

6/02: Dropped chimney raincover in shrubs, wouldn't come back to replace it

6/02: Wanted to do a lot of work that the Winston's guy said was unnecessary

12/05: Did a great job

MCP Chimney Sweeps 301-774-4500

6/02: Reliable, knowledgeable, courteous, and clean

Old London Towne 301-718-2875; 202-248-2461

12/03: (no specific comment)

[Priddy Clean](#), Bethesda 301-530-4262

12/05: Good, reliable, reasonable. Excellent work, and clean

Suburban of Rockville (NOT Silver Spring)

12/03:

[Victorian Chimney Services](#) 301-593-8393

12/03: Honestly told me the chimney didn't need a cleaning

Winston's Chimney Service 301-571-8546

12/03: Honest and did a great job

Chiropractors (See Physicians, Chiropractors)

Amon, Sheila, 3706 Perry Ave., Kensington 301-949-0440

10/03: For sciatica pain. I've had wonderful results.

Davis, Jonathan, 16005 Comprint Cir., Gaithersburg 301-963-6700

7/05: I highly recommend him.

[Horwitz, Steven](#), 12200 Tech Rd., SS

7/05: He's great. Was the Olympic team chiropractor in the '96 Atlanta Olympics

Jensen, Charlotte, [Friendship Heights Chiropractic](#) 202-362-0900

1/08: Works with children, great results, accepts various insurance

[Kwiatkowski, Scott](#) (Osteopath), Bethesda 301-718-3696

1/08: Osteopathic manipulation, highly recommended for children & adults

Computers, Data Recovery

CompUSA, Rockville Pike

2/08: For about \$10 they transferred everything to an external drive (I had to buy)

Coyne, Don, Terabyte, 110 Whitmoor Terr, Woodmoor 301-593-7179

2/08: Honest. If he can't fix it, he probably knows who can.

[Interdata Recovery Services](#), Calif

2/08: Expensive (as others), but they recovered about 80% of what we lost.

[Nathan, Mark](#), Simply Computers Plus, Germantown 301-840-1438

2/08: Honest, quick. I saved money by bringing my drive to him.

Computers, Repair

[Caitlin Enterprises](#) (more for small business)

2/06: Very professional, knowledgeable and pleasant

[Geek Squad](#) 800-GEEKSQUAD

2/06: trained and certified, use professional-grade software tools

[Geeks On Call](#) 800-905-GEEK

2/06: (no specific comments)

Hunt, Chris 240-271-1451

12/04: Very reasonable and a great guy to work with

2/06: Used for Mac laptop and Dell PC. Tons cheaper than the Geek Squad

Rossouw, Etienne (also builds computers) 301-412-0026

6/07: House calls, service, and computer build services

8/07: fast response and performed the job efficiently and professionally

Terabyte (Don Coyne) 301-593-7179

2/06: Great value, recommended by Checkbook or Washingtonian Magazine

Contractors / Remodelers

ACT-Architectural Construction, 301-320-4100

4/04: has a division devoted to smaller jobs

[APC Inc.](#)

4/04: Good experience on basement; you may have to babysit the job

Artistic Design Build 301-438-3289

4/04: Highly recommended

[Beautiful Baths and Kitchens](#)

[Cabinet Discounters Kitchen & Bath](#), Hans Englehart henglehart@cabinetdiscounters.com

Capital Home Improvements - Jason Korn 703-862-8132

[CASE Design/Remodeling](#) 800-513-2250

6/08: We had a very good experience.

Complete Home Repair (DO NOT USE)

Dominion Builders (DO NOT USE)

[Elite Kitchens](#), Butch Smith 301-881-2776

9/02: Easy to work with, reliable, considerate, flexible, and ahead of schedule

Galdamez, Mauricio; JMG Remodeling 301-996-3231; 301-929-8096

2/07: Neat, very knowledgeable, and reasonable

2/08: Did a beautiful job on part of our kitchen and our new kitchen floor

Kay, Fred (ISCA neighbor to help with recommendations) 240-462-4983

[Kitchen & Bath Depot](#), Rockville

2/08: I can't say enough good. Kitchen remodeling was quick, looks great.

[McConkey & Keane](#) 301-595-1751

4/04: Great basement plan, paid attention to detail, a bit high, but worth it

Olshin, Herb; Custom Carpentry and Remodeling 301-776-0014; 301-346-2203

3/06: Bath, bedrm, office remodel w/ built-ins; on-time, best price & quality

Oros, Dave 216-314-4400

6/08: I would strongly recommend him for general contracting.

[Phil Johnson Construction](#) 301-495-9767

5/07: Excellent experience on addition; another neighbor said high quote.

Ramirez, Richard, RAMCO 301-946-4603

4/04: (2 recs) Superb job on basement, on time, on budget, no problems

Rodriguez, Marvin, MRC Home Improvement 301-261-3310

microdriguez@comcast.net

[ServiceMagic](#) (contractor screening service)

Sheridan, Scott (1 negative comment) 301-593-2340; 202-438-2278

2/07: Good to work with. Reasonable. Does much work himself. Small or big jobs

3/08: Worker used frayed wires, broken paneling. Scott seldom there or reachable

Solomon, Jesse, jessesolomon@comcast.net 301-748-6863

2/08: He is good. Currently helping with my kitchen remodeling

[Tabor Design Build](#) (John Tabor), Rockville 301-417-6570

5/07: Completed an extensive remodeling job

Welsh, Chris 301-879-3358

2/08: Meticulous, an artist. Did flagstone walk/steps, bath. Reasonable prices.

Wolff, David, [Inner Ideas](#) 240-398-3528; 240-398-6940

11/06: Exquisite work, good prices. Also built-ins, mantelpieces, furniture.

2/08: All types remodeling (baths, kitchens, additions, custom cabinetry, etc)

6/08: A builder AND a craftsman. First class. Competitive prices

6/08: Did a wonderful built-in unit. Pricing is on-line with craftsmen, not cheap

Young, Pepper 301-503-1414

2/08: Wonderful. Did our kitchen and added a bathroom

Dentists (see also Oral Surgeons)

Bernstein, Michael, Flower Ave. 301-587-7115

11/05: World's best dentist (for both adults and kids)

5/07: Not specifically a pediatric dentist but great with kids

[FunSmiles](#), Robert Camps & Jena Fields (pediatric) 301-989-8994

5/07: multiple recommendations (no specific comments)

Greenwald, Dana, 5225 Wisc. Ave., DC 202-966-0045

5/07: several recommendations for pediatric dentistry

Ho, Henry, 8935 Colesville Rd. 301-587-7181

5/08: Very competent. Checkbook Magazine says good value. Takes insurance.

King, Henry (including pediatric), Granville Dr. 301-589-5877

2/05: We are big fans

3/06: One of the most responsive and helpful dentists we've ever met

5/07: Reasonable and very very competent

Landis, Harold, 9801 Ga. Ave., SS 301-681-3092

2/04: Great technical ability, personality. Great for youngsters

5/07: (no specific comments)

Michael, Marcus, 344 University Blvd. 301-681-2969

11/05: Really good and rated highly
Park, Stephen, 8630 Fenton St., SS 301-587-2800
2/04: Kind, gentle, and extremely competent
[Perez, Ricardo](#), Chevy Chase 301-718-1012
5/07: recommended for pediatric dentistry
5/07: Amazing but he's expensive and does not take insurance
Recka, Randall, 9801 Ga. Ave., SS 301-681-7061
2/04: Great technical ability, personality. Great for youngsters

Dermatologists (See Physicians -- Dermatology)

Doors (front/storm doors)

Doors Unlimited, 8607 Cameron St., SS 301-445-2300
Home Depot
[TW Perry](#), 8519 Conn. Ave, Chevy Chase 301-652-2600
[Wheaton Door & Window](#), 11258 Georgia Ave 301-949-8951
3/07: multiple recommendations
3/08: Storm door installation. Informative, professional, friendly, beautiful work.

Drivers Education

AAA
4/08: They were OK, but "I Drive Smart" was better.
AB Discount (DO NOT USE)
4/08: Not very effective at teaching children to be good drivers
[Greg's Driving School](#) 301-990-0229
4/08: (several recs) Terrific job; very good job
[I Drive Smart](#) 240-464-4046
4/08: (multiple recs) Expensive, but outstanding instruction by police officers
[Montgomery College](#) 240-683-2589
4/08: (no specific comment)
[Potomac Driving School](#) 301-984-6062
4/08: Similar to I Drive Smart but less expensive

Drywall

Hughes, Gene (has moved out of the area)
Usury, Larry 240-416-7815
3/8: The best at drywall.

Duct Cleaners note: many listserv msgs questioned the "dubious value" of duct cleaning

AmeriClean Services, Berwyn, MD 301-953-2420

9/03: They also clean upholstery and carpets
[B&B AC & Heating](#) (note: expensive) 301-881-2700
Kensington Cooling & Heating 301-564-6565
9/03: recommended by real estate broker and others
Normandy Duct Cleaning, Rockville 301-294-1700
9/03: recommended by home inspector
Proclean Environmental (DO NOT USE)
9/03: While cleaning 1 duct, they didn't cover the others. Dust blew all over.
[Sensa Air, HVAC](#), 9505 Worth Ave., SS 202-437-4323
3/04: Really good.

Electricians

John Adams 301-439-2459
8/05: Consumers Checkbook top-rated for both quality and price
6/06: Did an awesome job rewiring our bathroom
[Arnold Electric](#) 301-871-8787
2/08: Arnie Hoffman is in great demand, ... the wait can be long
Dave, Fred 240-381-8496
6/05: Knowledgeable, does great work, has affordable rates. Licensed.
Gotlinger, Grant; Got Electric 240-462-5183
Hughes, Rob 301-585-0540
11/03: Excellent work, ultra reliable
Dalton Electric, (ask for Dennis Kerner) Burtonsville 301-236-0429
11/03: Fast, fair, friendly
1/08: Knowledgeable, reasonable. Did only what was necessary.
9/8: Warning - Be sure to get an up-front cost estimate, or cost might not be "fair"
Kirby Electric 301-315-2195
12/02 (several): Polite, professional, and cleaned up after themselves
11/03: Very pleased with their work and rates
4/04 They stuck with the quote even when the job was more complicated
8/05: Consumers Checkbook top-rated for both quality and price
Lewis, Mike 301-855-5255
Lucchesi, Frank 301-384-3517
11/03: Reasonable and does a nice job
McClurkin, Ken 301-593-1014
11/03: He's installed recessed lights
Myer Electrical (DO NOT USE)
Navalaney, Tony (or Paul), Discount Electric 301-464-1776; 240-876-4323
11/03: We were pleased with their work. Both are great guys
Palmer, Stephen 301-493-9700
2/08: Very pleased with his work
Ridgeway and Ernst, SS 301-585-2000
11/03: Work was good. Took a few weeks for non-emergency items
Ryan, Sean; Ryan Electrical Services 301-933-7926

Schafer, Norm 301-439-6041
11/03: Used on several occasions. Always been pleased
Steve 240-882-9577
6/06: Was wonderful for a renovation. Not sure if he does small jobs
Strunk, Mike 240-876-6933
2/08: Excellent, very fussy about his work
Thompson, Jim; Thompson Electric Co. 301-332-9098
[Trunnell Electric](#), Rockville 301-258-8300
2/08: Mid-priced. If you don't need something done, they tell you

Electronics Repair

Morris, Willard (Wired for Music), willardm@earthink.net 301-538-6284
3/08: He repaired (overnight) an old, but expensive, electronic musical keyboard.

Exterminators (see Pest Control)

Fences

[Accokeek Fence](#), Alexandria, Mike Tippett 703-971-0660
5/05: They are very busy, but I found their price the most reasonable
[Clinton Fence](#), Waldorf, MD
5/05: Cheaper than Long Fence, and ask about winter rates
[Hercules Fence](#), College Park 301-441-1600
5/08: Great job removing old fence, clearing fence line, installing new fence
[Mid Atlantic Deck and Fence](#), Frank Gibson 800-833-9310
5/05: Less expensive than Long Fence and Potomac
[Spence Fence & Patio](#) 800-360-7284
5/05: (no specific comment)

Financial Planners

Ayers, Allen 410-763-9222
9/05: (no specific comment)
Galster, Geoff 301-587-1565
9/05:

3/08: He listens to the client's wishes and is very responsive.

Lapin, Jamie 301-838-4211

0/05:

Raigrodski, Larry 301-230-2385

9/05

Simson, Martin 301-587-6700, ext.102

9/05

Sarayji, Sourmaya; Capital Investment 248-827-1010

9/05

Floors (Hard wood, unless noted)

[AG Floors](#), Rockville 301-984-7469

10/03: They did a great job

A&L Floors 301-948-5918

10/03: They did a very nice job. Price was high side of reasonable

9/05: Did a good job on our floors. We didn't compare prices

Arundel Floors, David Kiewell 410-741-0765

Brioso, Efrain 301-587-6721; 301-941-9628

10/03: Highly recommend him for refinishing, installation, stair repairs

[DC Floors](#)

9/05: We have been very pleased with the results

[Elegant Floor Services](#) (wood, marble, stone) 301-608-0818

Escobar, Alberto 240-375-7931

10/03: The work was fabulous

9/05: We had a great experience

Flaherty Floors 240-605-5555

Jerry Stull's Floors 301-662-7745

9/05: Does beautiful work

Nash Floors (Rockville) 301-881-0004

10/03: They were very good

Randolph Floors (Rockville) 301-881-4945

10/03: Great job at a reasonable price. Even reduced the stair squeakiness

Sams, Marvin 240-460-0262; 301-588-1955

9/05: Does a good job at a reasonable price

Framing

[Frame Avenue](#), Bethesda

6/06: Excellent. It can be a little expensive, but it is worth it.

Miller's, Four Corners 301-593-1688

6/06: I've always been pleased

Plaza Art Supplies, Georgia Ave., SS 301-587-5581

6/06: Expensive

Furniture Repairs/Refinishing

Fort, Arthur 240-305-0948

4/08: Very Good. Teaches woodworking, has done hand-made furniture.

Keeney, Michael; Frederick, MD 1-301 694 0979

9/05: (no specific comment)

Robert Johnson Cabinet Makers 301-625-5744

9/05: (no specific comment)

1/07: (2 recs) All types of furniture repairs and restoration; excellent work

Garage Doors

[Clozermatic Door](#), Rockville 301-942-0096

5/08: A good experience. Repaired a damaged cable for a very reasonable price.

The Garage Guys (DO NOT USE)

3/08: Missed appointments, refused to honor coupon. 1 guy smelled of alcohol

Geneological Research

Library of Congress, history and geneology reading room

[Montgomery County Public Libraries: Genealogy](#)

Mormon Temple

[National Archives](#)

Gutter Cleaning (Replacement, where noted)

Abrahams Lawn Service 301-565-4069

12/Dec 06: (no specific comment)

Armstrong Tree & Gutter, Rockville (for replacing gutters) 301-251-3767

3/03: We were pleased

7/04: Made recommendations to improve flow of water away from house

Austin, Richard 301-384-8566

Dale, Paul 301-439-1048

12/06: (no specific comment)

[egutter.com](#)

11/06: I ordered gutter guards and then installed them. They have worked well.

[Gutter Helmet](#) 888-543-5638

6/05: The covers have worked beautifully

Hanson, Paul 301-552-4438

12/06: We really like him a lot. Reliable and reasonable

Hughes, Patrick 301-428-9671; 301-440-4800

Kull, Dave; D&A 301-482-2626

Togo, Silvio 240-793-4922

Weather Protection 301-949-1811

Williamson, Jim 301-593-0973

12/06: Reliable and reasonable

Hair Stylists

Dianna Everline (owner [Headlines Hair Design](#)), Ga. @ Fenwick 301-587-5040
4/08: She is the best. Prides herself on craftsmanship, skill, and customer service.

Handymen

Amaya-Arevalo, Rigo 240-464-6851

2/07: Fast, reasonably priced, trustworthy. Tiling, remodeling, new windows
Arevalo, David (multiple recommendations) 301-379-2430

2/07: Timely, neat, reasonable. Exterior trim, paint, power wash, yard work
Carrino, Jose 301-793-1566

8/05: An excellent job. Very reasonable and right around what he estimated

2/07: Very competent, very fussy, and very fair in his pricing

Galdamez, Mauricio; JMG Remodeling (c)301-996-3231; 301-929-8096

2/07: Neat, very knowledgeable, and reasonable

Hartness, Mike 301-219-9715

8/05: Does great work. He may not be the quickest to respond though

2/08: I've been particularly pleased with him

3/08: Excellent work, prompt, pleasant to work with

Howard, Sted (Stedman), Indian Spring (c)301-785-1086; 301-562-8194

8/05: Reliable and inexpensive. Is taking on small projects

2/07: We were pleased with his work. Low rates, easygoing approach

3/08: Low rates, good work, easygoing approach.

Pazornick, David 202-291-8181

8/05: Lives close by, does work in Indian Spring

4/07: Done many projects around our house. Good job, honest, reliable

Ramos, Omar 301-793-5974

6/08: Recommended for painting, repairs, odd jobs, and more.

Rosales, Tito 301-891-1395

6/08: Carpentry, drywall, painting. Roof, gutter, door/window repair. Good prices

Solomon, Jesse; Indian Spring resident 301-748-6863

2/08: Quite good. Roof repair. Plumbing, tiling, & more for kitchen remodel

Thomas, Rickey 301-633-2999; 240-221-3016

11/07: Has experience with many kinds of home improvement projects.

Touekuet, Jean Claud 240-481-3939

8/05: Some construction, cleaning, yard work. Prompt, hardworking

Vigil, Joseph 240-413-3392

8/05: Some construction, cleaning, yard work. Very able

Health & Beauty Consultants

[Anne Morris](#), Arbonne consultantation and sales

3/08: Knowledgeable and professional, and her service is excellent.

Heating/AC/Furnace

Aero Environmental 301-621-4827; 410-531-8686

7/05: Dennis does most of work, is very efficient, hardworking, trustworthy

7/05: Top-rated by Consumers Checkbook

9/05: We love Aero Environmental

9/08: They've serviced our AC unit a few times of the last several years.

Airways Unlimited -- DO NOT USE

[American Residential Service](#)

6/05: We've used them for AC service and maintenance with good results

[BGE Home](#) 410-869-6086

8/08: Recommend Larry Kinsey

Mike Cooke 240-888-3135

8/08: (no specific comments)

[Cropp-Metcalf](#) 301-762-0100

8/03: Technicians were friendly and professional

1/08: (multiple recs) Furnace repair. They found the problem, fixed it promptly.

[Davis & Davis](#) 301-942-7210

10/03: (8 rec) -- all happy with price and performance/service

4/04: We were happy with them

3/08: Excellent work

8/08: (3 recs)

[Fisher Heating & Air Conditioning](#), Rockville 301-251-0200

10/03: Reasonable

1/08: We've had really good experiences. They never tried to over-sell.

8/08: They show up on time, do quality work and clean up. Comparable prices.

Inside Air Technologies 301-960-0697

Kensington Cooling & Heating 301-564-6565

8/03: Very friendly, helpful with info

7/05: Recently increased their yearly service contract from \$240 to \$595

Rod Miller Heating & AC 301-587-1517

1/08: We've used them for 20+ yrs, pleased with quality, scheduling, cost.

[Thomas E Clark Plumbing, Heating, AC](#) 301-608-0550

8/08: Recommend Mike Hartman

Tuckers Air Conditioning & Heating 301-670-0034

10/01: Honest, hardworking guys. Very customer service oriented

4/03: We have been happy with them

4/04: Not the cheapest or most expensive, but the service is excellent

8/08: Recommend Ken Tucker

[United Air Temp](#) 800-890-4328

Home Security

Interamerican Security 301-770-7117

7/08: Extremely professional. Installation costs higher, but monthly costs lower

House Cleaning

Alvarez, Eda 240-388-1446

3/08: Multiple Ind.Sp. clients. Trustworthy. Excellent work reasonable cost

Arevalo, Maria; Magic Cleaning 301-237-1332

7/03: Reliable, thorough, pleasant. Charges by the size of the home

9/04: (2 recs) She is terrific

Jewelers

[Bailey Banks & Biddle](#), Montgomery Mall

1/06: They did quality work sizing some antique rings

[Esterman Estate Jewelers](#), White Flint

1/06: (no specific comment)

Jewelry by Design, White Flint Mall 301-770-4203

3/08: I have had great success with them. A family business for years.

Jewelry Exchange, 11136 Rockville Pike

1/06: Highly recommended. (Possibly now [Diamond Exchange](#))

John Greenan & Sons, SS 301-587-2717

3/08: My mom has been going to them for as long as I can remember.

3/08: My 25th anniversary ring came from there. Good silver repair too.

3/08: Very nice people. Reasonable. They have fixed rings for us

[Kripps Jewelers](#), 10109 Colesville Rd. (Four Corners) 301-681-4980

3/08: They specialize in loose stones, very good with repairs and settings

4/08: Found a simple way to repair a ring and didn't want payment.

Laurel Jewelry Shop, 302 Main St., Laurel 301-953-1436

1/06: (no specific comment)

Watch Pocket, Four Corners 301-593-5824

1/06: (no specific comment)

Kennels

[Best Friends Pet Care](#), Gaithersburg 301-926-6005

6/06: Far away and perhaps more expensive, but the peace of mind is worth it

Cherry Lane, Laurel 301-776-6093

6/06: (no specific comments)

[Doggies at the Beach](#), Rehoboth

6/08: A great cage-free facility, but you have to set up a trial appointment first

Donalee Woods - Paws at the Woods 202-829-PETS

[Paradise for Pets](#), Beltsville

6/06: Dog did fine there

Pet Dominion, Rockville 301-258-0333

4/05: We have been very happy with them
8/05: Has been great for us
Preston Country Club for Pets, Columbia 301-596-7387
4/05: We have been very happy with them
[Rivermist Kennels](#), NH Ave, Brinklow
4/05: Vet-recommended
6/06: Dog did fine there, although came home with kennel cough once
Sandy Spring Kennels, Woodbine 301-924-4457
4/05: Vet-recommended

Kitchen Counters

Fernando's Marble, Indianola Dr., Rockville 301-670-2794
8/06: They did a great job on our granite kitchen counter top

Landscaping (See also Lawns & Yardwork)

Abrahams Lawn Maintenance and Landscaping
4/06: Lots of "a la carte" services like leaf clean-up and gutter cleaning.
[Binghamton Land Design](#), Jim & Susy Finelli 301-587-4643
11/04: Planted spruce tree in field near Hastings & Granville
4/05: Excellent neighborhood talent
3/06: (2 recs) They do beautiful work and tend to get very busy
DeLeon, Paul 301-379-1844
6/07: Not a professional landscaper, but does all our landscaping
[Johnson's Landscaping](#), 301-740-8850
3/08: My friend was very pleased with the work. Reasonable prices.
Lucero Landscaping, 9417 Colesville Rd 301-588-5865
5/06: (no specific comment)
[Meadows Farms](#), Burtonsville & other locations (mixed reviews)
2/04: Inappropriate plantings for our amount of sun. Many plants didn't hold up.
5/06: An excellent experience on a hardscaping job. Follow-up was great.

Lawns & Yardwork (see also Tree Care)

Abramhams Lawn 301-565-4069
4/06: Lawn maintenance company offers fall leaf cleanup and gutter cleaning
Chavez, Jose 301-681-3338
5/07: Cuts grass, does general yard work. Very nice job, reasonable prices
3/08: Excellent work, reasonable price
8/08: Good work & prices for mowing, gutter cleaning, shrub removal/trimming
DeLeon, Paul 301-379-1844
6/08: Does all sorts of yard work. Works hard, does a great job, has fair prices.
6/08: We think very highly of him both as a person and as a professional
Matthews, Benson 301-384-3348; 202-560-2276

6/08: Cutting our grass for years. reasonable. Appears gruff, but he's a sweetheart.
Santos 240-388-1317

4/06: Weeding, mulching, planting. Wonderful job, very reasonable prices
We Care 4 Lawns Plus (Andy Slenkovich) iCANduit@comcast.net; 301-587-4724
(An Indian Spring business. Andy has taken over from brother Lenny)

Lawnmower Repair

Mr. Johnson, Rockville 301-881-8370

9/04: Good, fast, fair, relatively inexpensive

4/05: I've used him for about 20 years

[THE MOWERMAN](#), 301-384-6290

9/04: Housecall to clean, sharpen the blades, give the mower a tune up\
Sears,

4/05: We always take ours to Sears and they do a good job.

Locksmith

Kean, Rick (Lockout Locksmith) 301-370-0052

7/08: Talented and straightforward.

Manicures / Pedicures

Bk Nails, 1308 East-West Hwy (Blair Plaza) 301-588-0108

6/08:

Fantasy Nails, 9322 Ga. Ave., SS 301-587-0922

6/08: Clean and very reasonable. The chairs vibrate, too, so it's very relaxing.

6/08: A friend of mine loves them. It's nothing fancy, but they are clean.

Fichtel, Kim (Le Shop), 10416 Edgewood Rd., SS 301-593-4815

6/08: Works out of her home. I think she's fabulous.

6/08: I've been going to her for years and she is great.

6/08: More privacy and personal service than you get at a large shop. She's great.

[Kibana Salon & Spa](#), 921-A Ellsworth Dr, SS 301-588-8858

6/08: Really nice.

6/08: I've always had a good experience.

Snider's Nail Salon, 9416 Ga. Ave., SS 301-588-5446

6/08: They are quick, clean, well-priced.

True Nail Spa, White Oak Shopping Ctr 301-593-1580

6/08: I've been pleased with them.

Movers

[Reputation Movers](#) (Patrick Carr) 703-651-5971

6/08: (no specific comment) (Web site says "specializes in local moves")

Music Teachers

American String Teachers Assn

9/08: Find qualified violin, viola, cello, and bass teachers.

B&B Music World (Bhagwan Khalsa for guitar) 301-655-4460

9/08: They send instructors to your home. Expensive but convenient

House of Musical Traditions, Takoma Park 301-270-9090

9/08: They always have good guitar teachers

Notary

Carol Valoris, dkidzni3@msn.com, Indian Spring 240-475-6126

8/06

Kane, Steve, 9413 Wire Ave 301-587-0318

9/04

Morris, Anne, 9416 Worth Ave., amorris@fathomcreative.com 301-589-1737

8/06

O'Rourke, Meg; stampinmeg,3113@yahoo.com, Woodmoor 301-576-6308

8/06

Opticians

My Eye Doctor, 8525 Georgia Ave., SS 301-588-3232

9/09: I now have the best glasses I have had in years.

Oral Surgeons

Alman, Ralph, 11300 Rockville Pike 301-881-8803

1/08

Sweeney, Terry, 10313 Georgia Ave., SS 301-681-7500

1/08: (multiple recs) Great oral surgeon

Orthodontists (4/08:high-volume practices can't always deal with complicated cases)

Farber, Daniel, 11000 Rosemont Dr., Rockville 301-881-5560

4/08: We love his personalized approach. It minimized pain and treatment time

Levy, DeMarco, and Tilkin, White Oak (mixed reviews) 301-593-0666

4/08: Very dissatisfied with the treatment and end result

4/08: Our daughter's braces came off a year ago and her smile looks great

4/08: We are satisfied with our sons' current treatment. Too soon to talk of results

4/08: Bad experience. We weren't happy with their recommended palate spacers

Tran - Lee, (Drs. Tuan Tran & Wm Lee), Wheaton & SS 301-949-6020; 301-562-8505

4/08: Shorter treatment, less \$ estimated than Levy. We're almost done & happy.

4/08: Pleased with our daughter's treatment. Will use them again for our son

Painters

Arauzo, Arturo 301-949-7363
3/03: Using him for 15 years. Very good painter, diligent and hard-working.
Falwell, Gary 301-593-4665
3/08: Outstanding interior house painting
Granados, Jose 301-587-5465; 301-922-7415
11/05: He did a good job (on exterior paint) last time, we're hiring him again
Marco's Custom Painting (interior & exterior) 301-613-8208; 301-946-9586
3/03: We really liked Marco and his brother. For interior and exterior.
Mario, Royal Pine Painting 301-937-6181; 301-466-4358
3/03: Great, very reasonable, clean. Did our interior. They do exterior too.
Rall, Butch (Pride 'n Painting), 210 E Indian Spring Dr 301-565-5334
3/03: We had a great experience
10/05: Prices are reasonable; his people were prompt and neat.
7/06: Many of us (in the neighborhood) have used him
Russell, Ray; RW Russell Painting 301-585-4515
3/03: Emphasis on doing it right - quality materials and careful approach
Santos 301-650-4192; 301-928-4645
Thomasson, Sage 301-785-0296
3/08: Great painter. Does interior & exterior, and faux and cabinetry painting.

Pest Control

[American Pest Control](#)

4/04: May be a bit expensive, but they have solved our problems.

[American Pest Management](#)

[Capitol Pest Control](#) (DO NOT USE)

10/04: They botched a house inspection and had to settle on damages later.

Colonial Pest Control (Richard) 301-258-5228

9/08: An excellent exterminator. Tell them Meghan Crowley referred you.

[Connor's Pest Control](#) 301-977-3070

[Infestation Control](#), Rockville

4/04: They came out right away. Took care of a yellow jackets nest.

[Kolley's Exterminating](#), Silver Spring

4/04: Used them for an ant problem. Reliable and took care of the problem.

6/05: (no specific comment)

[Superior Pest Management](#) 301-231-8300

4/07: Been using them for years. They understood our concern with chemicals.

[Terminix](#)

10/04: We've basically been happy with them for termite control.

6/05: (no specific comment)

Pet Sitters

Scott, Andy, pandyscott@yahoo.com 301-367-3170

3/08: (no specific comment)

Wilbert, Cecilia 301-587-0029; 301-335-7317 8/08: She does house-sitting and pet-sitting

Physicians (see also specialists, next)

Alpert, Hubert, 8630 Fenton St., SS 301-588-2525

1/04: Our family doc for at least 20 yrs. Knowledgeable and top rated.

1/04: We love our doctor (internal medicine).

Dumont, Helene., Cameron Medical Group, 8700 Ga. Ave. 301-585-6049

1/04: I have been very pleased with my primary care physician.

Friedland, Melissa, 2415 Musgrove Rd., SS 301-989-0193

1/04: Family practice. Best of Washington in Washingtonian

1/07: (more a recommendation for her practice, Montgomery Family Med.)

1/07: Associate of Dr F misdiagnosed herniated lumbar disc as muscle strain.

1/07: They have evening hours. Dr. F always calls personally with test results.

Ginsberg, Robert, 2145 Musgrove Rd., SS 301-989-8892

1/04: A family doctor that we love. He's open to alternative approaches.

1/07: I love our family practice doctor. He's smart, pleasant, and listens well.

Goodman, Jason; White Oak 301-593-6620

1/07: I think he is very professional. Busy but usually close to on schedule.

Jaffe, Gabriel, 7500 Hanover Pkwy., Greenbelt 301-441-4800

1/04: My personal doc for about 20 yrs. One of the best diagnosticians.

Keves-Cohen, Ruth; Cameron Med Group, 8700 Ga Ave. 301-251-8101

1/04: It's an all-woman practice but I'm a guy. They're pretty good.

Kramer-Fox, Julie SS 301-681-8000

1/07: My wife has used her for a decade or more and likes her very much.

1/07: She is excellent.

1/07: She's OK. I don't care for the office personnel and atmosphere.

Li, Mark, 1721 University Blvd., SS 301-649-5151

1/04: (no specific comment)

Mulshine, Pamela, 11251 Lockwood Dr., SS 301-251-8035

104: I've had good experience. Her group takes Cigna.

Potomac Physician Associates (Hunter, Anders, Schwartz) 301-942-2212

1/04: Our family has been going there for over 8 years.

2/05: All are family physicians who treat all ages

Singh, Rosie, 2415 Musgrove Rd., SS 301-989-0193

1/04: Family practice. Best of Washington in Washingtonian

2/05: Highly regarded family doctor

Sivieri, Mark, 9101 Cherry Lane, Laurel (family practice) 301-490-9911

Trinh, Phuong, 8630 Fenton St., SS 301-588-2525

1/04: My sister uses him and is very happy with him. Top rated

Physicians -- Allergy

Institute for Allergy & Asthma, Wheaton & Chevy Chase 301-962-5800
3/08: Dr. Marc Scarupa is great

Physicians -- Alternative Medicine (See also Accupuncturists)

[Blue Heron Wellness](#), 10723B Columbia Pike, SS 301-754-3730

10/8: They have several excellent acupuncturists

Pion, Carolyn ([Crossings Healing Services](#)), above Whole Foods 301-565-4924

10/08: A wonderful acupuncturist. Very gentle and caring and experienced.

Pollock, Simeon (Acupuncture) 301-495-0303

Simon, Sally (Massage) 301-588-2352

Kozlovsky, Adriane (Nutritionist) 410-653-2966

Kannankeril, Charlene (Naturopath - women's health) 202-237-7000 x120

Stromberg, Tessler, 6935 Laurel Ave., Takoma Park 301-270-2117 x3

10/8: (no specific comment)

[Strozier, Edward](#) (Acupuncture) 202-361-4020

Physicians -- Chiropractic and similar

Amon, Sheila, 3706 Perry Ave., Kensington 301-949-0440

10/03: For sciatica pain. I've had wonderful results.

Davis, Jonathan, 16005 Comprint Cir., Gaithersburg 301-963-6700

7/05: I highly recommend him.

[Horwitz, Steven](#), 12200 Tech Rd., SS

7/05: He's great. Was the Olympic team chiropractor in the '96 Atlanta Olympics

Jensen, Charlotte, [Friendship Heights Chiropractic](#) 202-362-0900

2/08: Works with children, great results, accepts various insurance

[Kwiatkowski, Scott](#) (Osteopath), Bethesda 301-718-3696

1/08: Osteopathic manipulation, highly recommended for children & adults

Physicians -- Dermatology

Canning, Susan, 3925 Ferrara Dr., Silver Spring 301-933-1547

2/08: (no comments available)

Ehrlich, Alison, 6410 Rockledge Dr., Bethesda 301-530-8300

2/08: (no comments available)

Katz, Matthew & Robert, 11510 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville 301-881-4124

2/08: (no comments available)

Lindgren, Ann, 6410 Rockledge Dr. Bethesda 301-530-4800

2/08: (no comments available)

Lockshin, Norman, 10313 Ga. Ave., SS 301-681-7000

2/08: (no comments available)

10/08: I saw him years ago and did not care for his gruff manner.

Montemarano, Andy, 6410 Rockledge Dr., Bethesda 301-564-3131

2/08: (no comments available)

Sau, Purnima, 8630 Fenton St., SS 301-565-3699

2/08: (no comments available)

10/08: A small, one-doctor office. Not particularly warm but very proficient

Physicians -- ENT

Baumgartner, Robert, 1400 Forest Glen Rd., SS 301-754-0085

3/08: Better for adults. I had deviated septum with sever sinus infection.

[Bianchi, David](#), 2415 Musgrove Rd., SS

3/08: Referred by my internist. I liked him from my 1 visit. Accepts Aetna

[Bosworth, John](#), 15235 Shady Grove Rd., Rockville

3/08: (no specific comment)

[Feldman, Bruce](#), Chevy Chase, Bethesda, DC, Germantown

3/08: Outstanding many years ago when my daughter had ear problems.

3/08: An excellent ENT specialist

3/08: Feldman, Oringher, & Schoenfeld are great for adults, peds practice too

[Oringher, Seth](#), Chevy Chase, Bethesda, DC, Germantown

3/08: Sinuses and snoring/sleep apnea. I got great results from sinus surgery

Troost, Thomas, K St., Washington DC 202-785-5000

3/08: Top-rated www.washingtonent.com. My husband likes this ENT group.

[Williams, Jack](#), Chevy Chase, Bethesda, DC, Germantown

3/08: I had sinus surgery with him. Great group.

Physicians -- Internal Medicine

Doski, Mahmoud, 1299 Lambertson Dr., SS 301-649-6100

2/08:

Henkin, Daphna, 2309 Shorefield, Wheaton 301-933-5050

2/08:

Kavalier, Morton, 5454 Wisconsin Ave., Ch. Ch. 301-656-9070

2/08:

Marshall, Angela [Comprehensive Women's Health](#), SS 301-754-2222

3/08: I liked her and her physican's assistant. Accepts Aetna.

4/08: Health-oriented practice; welcome patients who are proactive about health

Rosenbaum, Barry, 3720 Farragut Ave., Kensington 301-949-4242

1/08: Very caring person, very responsive to the patient

Taubin, Joel, 1145 19th St. NW, DC 202-296-4002

2/08:

Vinitzky, Alan 301-840-0002

Wiseman, Jon, 5410 Conn. Ave., DC 202-966-8868

2/08:

Physicians -- Ob/Gyn, Women's Health

Abraham-Hebert, Sandra, 11016 NH Ave, SS 301-681-3300

1/08:

Behram, Nancy, 1400 Forest Glen Rd., SS 301-681-6772

1/08

Berger-Weiss, Jessica, 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS 301-681-3400

1/08:

Kleinman, Bradford, 1400 Forest Glen Rd., SS 301-681-6772

1/08:

Kleinerman, Deena, 10215 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda 301-897-9817

1/08:

Leavitt, Robert, 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS 301-681-3400

3/08: He's wonderful, really listens. His office (Capital Women's Care) is terrific.

Marshall, Angela [Comprehensive Women's Health](#), SS 301-754-2222

Note: Gyn. but not Ob. (more Internal Medicine)

3/08: I liked her and her physician's assistant. Accepts Aetna.

4/08: Health-oriented practice; welcome patients who are proactive about health.

Morales, Carolyn, 1400 Forest Glen Rd., SS 301-681-6772

1/08:

Novak, Susan, 1400 Forest Glen Rd., SS 301-681-6772

1/08:

Seidel, Audrey, 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS 301-681-3400

1/08:

Sine, Heather, 10313 Ga. Ave., SS 301-681-9101

1/08:

Travers, Kenneth, 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS 301-681-3400

3/08: My wife has been very pleased with her

Tyau, Laurie, 10313 Ga. Ave., SS 301-681-9101

1/08:

Wolfgram, Edward, 10215 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda 301-530-2235

1/08:

Physicians -- Orthopedic Surgery

Callan, James, 7610 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park 301-891-6130

1/04: Has treated our family for a variety of injuries and performed surgery.

Haas, Stephen; Grossman, Robert, 5454 Wisc. Ave, ChCh 301-657-1996

1/04: Sports medicine. Either are fantastic.

[Metro Orthopedics & Sports Therapy](#), 8401 Colesville Rd. 301-588-7888

1/04: I would recommend Dr. Gilbert or Dr. Bernstein or Dr. Gardiner\

Physicians -- Pediatrics

Bernstein, Jeffrey, 344 University Blvd. West, SS 301-681-6730

2/05: (no specific comment)

Burgin, James, 6201 Greenbelt Rd., Berwin Heights 301-345-1900

3/08: Excellent

Physicians -- Podiatry

Lieberman, Gary, 10101 Lorain Ave., SS 301-681-8400

2/08: Great

[Mirkin Foot Assocs](#), Gene Mirkin, Donna Gievers 301-384-6500

2/08: Dr. Gievers has been very good.

[Osterman, Howard](#), 6830 Fenton St. 301-587-5666

2/08: He's fantastic. He helped me so much with a running injury

[Taylor, Paul](#), 8630 Fenton St. 301-587-5666

2/08: (6 recs) Great. Made orthotics and cured my knee, back problems

Piano Tuners

Beigel, Carol 301-474-5606; 240-535-4206

8/05: She tunes for major performers

Brickman, Norman; Potomac Piano Services 301-983-9321

8/05: He has tuned for performers, embassies

Kaufmann, Noel 301-589-2502

3/06: (no specific comment)

Long, David 301-858-9086

8/05: He charges about \$90 for a tuning.

Naecker's Piano Service 301-589-6535

3/08: Excellent work. Used him for many years.

Yarrish, Paul 410-/889-5809

3/06: (no specific comment)

Plumber

[Benjamin Fraklin Plumbing](#)

6/05: I was extremely happy. They have a set price sheet - no surprises.

Charles Clements Plumbing (Charlie) 301-370-5801 (cell)

1/07: A master plumber. He is very helpful and honest.

1/08: Responded quickly and worked quickly. Did a nice job.

Charles Cook & Sons 301-258-5121

10/05: (no specific comment)

Coleman Plumbing, SS 301-585-2352

12/06: (no specific comment)

Day or Night (1 warning) 301-858-1312

10/05: Do not use!

1/07: We have a service contract. The guys are nice and do great work.

Fishman, Robert 301-253-1060

1/07: Our family's plumber for a long, long time.

Flood, [John C. Flood](#), DC 800-422-1192

1/07: Very quick, reliable, and pretty reasonable.

1/07: We were really happy with their work. A little pricey.

Foley, Terry 301-681-8068

1/07:

[Fry Plumbing & Heating](#) 202-543-4884

1/05:

10/05:

Hardisty, CT 301-987-9790; 301-384-8010

3/03: Will no longer use them after a ridiculous estimate and strong-arm tactics

1/07: I used them for one BIG job. Very good, fair, prompt, courteous

1/07: He was great.

Harper, W.L. and Sons, SS 301- 565-2322

1/05: We always use them.

12/06: Reasonably priced and dependable.

12/06: We have been using Harper for years

1/07: I was pleased with the services

J. J. Burkett Plumbing, SS 301-384-7611

1/07: (no specific comment)

J&J Plumbing (Mike Jackson), Hyattsville 301-422-6995

1/07: I love my plumber. Very honest and very fair.

James Wheat and Sons, Gaithersburg (1 warning) 301-670-1944

3/03: Reliable plumbers--they'll do your heating and cooling systems, too.

7/04: Very high estimate to snake two drains and replace some tubing.

Jeeves (DO NOT USE)

8/05: Installed a disposal, then charged to fix a broken part 7 wks later.

10/05: Do not use!

[Jim's Inc.](#), Rockville 301-926-3499

10/05:

Lewis, W.H. Rockville 301-545-1170

1/07: I was pleased with the services

Lucky, Washington Plumbing 703-297-1039

10/05:

Lyons, Steve, Gaithersburg 301-253-4090

1/07:

Master Plumbing (Joe Maier and Billy Silk) (1 negative comment) 301-650-9100

1/05: They have come on a moments notice and have been reasonably priced

10/05: Fast, efficient, reasonably priced. Locally owned and operated.

11/05: They came to snake a drain and punched a hole in my pipes, then left.

12/06: Joe Maier or Billy Silk

1/07: They seem reasonable

1/07: Billy Silk spent time reviewing our to-do list. Was very helpful

[My Plumber](#) 1-866-4myplumber

10/05:

Quality Plumbing (George), SS 301-384-1873

1/07: Almost always comes out the same day, does good work, very reasonable

Pachnowski, Henry 301-942-1074; 301-633-5182

Voight, R.L. 301-946-6100

1/07: We have been very pleased with their service.

Springer, RD or Bob 301-439-8200

1/07: Works for himself. Has been my family's plumber for 30 yrs.

[Tom Lopresti Plumbing & Heating](#) 301-420-6589

6/04: We were very impressed, pleased with all their plumbers

Voight, R.L. 301-946-6100

1/07: We have been very pleased with their service.

Porch Re-Screening

Hartness, Mike (also listed under Handymen) 301-219-9715

3/08: He did a great job on ours.

Remodeling (see Contractors/Remodelers)

Restaurants

[Abol](#) (Ethiopian), 8626 Colesville Rd., SS

3/08: Better than the others in SS. Our dishes were spicy as we like it.

[Addis Ababa](#) (Ethiopian), 8233 Fenton St., SS

10/05: Recommended by many cab drivers and myself.

Aji-Nippon (sushi), 6937 Arlington Rd, Bethesda 301-654-0213

[Asian Bistro](#), 8537 Georgia Ave., SS

10/05: (no specific comment)

Bacchus (Japanese), 7945 Norfolk Ave., Bethesda 301-657-1722

[Blair Mansion Inn](#), 7711 Eastern Ave., SS

1/08: Majestic interior. Food is of highest quality, not inordinately expensive

Colorado Kitchen, 5515 Colorado Ave, DC (limited hours) 202-545-8280

10/05: This place has Jackie's beat in the food department.

Cubano (Cuban), 1201 Fidler Lane, SS 301-563-4020

10/01: Very good

10/05: (no specific comment)

Eggspectation (for brunch), downtown Silver Spring

6/08: They make fabulous coffees, and their breakfast crepes are lovely.

El Golfo (Salvadoran), 8739 Flower Ave, SS 301-608-2122

10/05: Wonderful

3/08: Excellent, very reasonable

Full Kee (Cantonese), 2227 Univ. Blvd., Wheaton 301-933-8388

[Ghar-E-Kabab](#) (Indian, Nepali), 944 Wayne Ave, SS 301-587-4427

1/08: Great meal. Gundruk (Nepalese soup) was very good. All was delicious.

1/08: Long wait on the weekends, but the food WAS wonderful.

6/07: Among the best Indian food we've had in DC. A bit slow, but worth the wait

[Golden Flame](#), 8630 Fenton St., SS

8/06: (2 recs) Food was out of this world and the staff incredibly gracious.

[Jackie's](#) (American), SS

10/05: Fun. Mostly good, imaginative food; heavy on the salt, a bit overpriced

[KBQ Real Barbecue](#), Bowie

1/08: The food is fantastic -- worth the trip (just off of Rte. 50).

Kefi (Mediterranean/Greek), 11301 Fern St., Wheaton 301-933-3338

7/08: Absolutely delicious, and the portions are large and appropriate for sharing.

[Lebanese Taverna](#), SS and elsewhere

10/05: They have the BEST hummus!

[Levante's](#) (Mediterranean), Bethesda & Dupont Circle

10/05: Excellent

Mandalay (Burmese), 930 Bonifant St., SS 301-585-0500

7/07: Good food, great service, not pricey. Beware if you ask for "hot"

Mar 08: Outstanding food.

[Matuba](#) (Japanese, sushi), 4918 Cordell Ave, Bethesda 301-652-7449

Mi Rancho, 8701 Ramsey Ave., SS 301-588-4872

10/05: I'm always in favor of going there than Austin Grill

Moby Dick (Japanese, sushi), 11220 Triangle La, Wheaton 301-949-3910

1/07: Fantastic. An unexpected treat. Casual, with a carry-out menu

[Mocha Hut](#) (coffee house), DC & Bethesda

10/05: Funky hangout. Excellent cappucino, brunch food, reasonable prices.

[Mrs. K's Toll House](#), Colesville & Dale Ave., SS

[Negril](#) (Jamaican), SS and other locations

10/05: Beef patties are worth the trip.

[Nicaro](#), 8229 Georgia Ave., SS

6/08: (brunch recommendation) Nicaro is fantastic.

[Nova Europa](#), 1311 Lamberton Dr., SS

10/05: We've been going for 25 yrs. Food & service excellent, prices reasonable

[Oriental East](#), 1312 East-West Hwy., SS

10/01: Dim sum draws huge crowds. The food is good.

10/05:

Pinto Thai, 8223 Georgia Ave., SS 301-585-7200

10/05: Fantastic

[Quarry House](#) (burgers), Georgia & Bonifant, SS 301-587-9406

10/05: My fave. Terrific hamburgers.

Raku (sushi), Bethesda & Dupont Circle 301-718-8680; 202-265-7258

3/08: Best crunchy spicy tuna ever! Everything is delicious

[Royal Mile Pub](#), 2407 Price Ave., Wheaton

6/08: I've always liked the brunch there.

Sergio's (Italian), 8727 Colesville Rd, SS (in the Hilton) 301-585-1040

10/05: (2 recs) We love Sergio's

Spring Garden (Chinese), 8613 16th St., SS 301-588-9337

3/08: They deliver to our neighborhood. The best Chinese food in this area.

Sushi Jin, 8555 Fenton Ave., SS 301-608-0900

10/06: Nice interior, great service, some of the best sushi we've had in this area.

1/07: Quite excellent.

[Sushi-Ko](#), 2309 Wisc. Ave, Georgetown 202-333-4187

[Tako Grill](#) (sushi), 7756 Wisc. Ave., Bethesda 301-652-7030

Taste of Jerusalem, 8123 Ga. Ave, SS 301-495-3067

2/08: Lunch was fabulous

Temari Café (Japanese, sushi), 1043 Rockville Pike 301-340-7720

Tiffin (Indian), 1341 Univ Blvd E., Langley Park 301-434-9200

10/05: (no specific comment)

Udupi Palace (Indian, Veg), 1329 Univ. Blvd. E., Langley Park 301-434-1531

10/05: Take-out is best option

Vicino's (Italian), 959 Sligo Ave, SS (1 negative comment) 301-588-3372

10/05: Excellent.

10/05: I'm Italian, and the one time I went there it was very disappointing.

Whole Foods (sushi takeout)

Woo Mi (Korean & sushi), 2423 Hickerson Dr., Wheaton 301-933-0100

Roofers

Mr. Austin 301-384-8566

Beltway Roofing (DO NOT USE)

11/06: Was awful when they did my roof.

CD General Contractors, 1011 Dallas Ave, SS 301-593-2723

Certified Roofing, (Baltimore?)

11/06: Replaced our roof. They were prompt, quick, and neat.

Chevy Chase Roofing 301-656-6619

11/06: We have used them and been very pleased.

Creative Energy (DO NOT USE)

11/06: They left a leak and then didn't answer my calls.

Frank's Gutter and Roofing 301-261-4674

11/06: Their quote was best and work was awesome.

Insulators of Maryland 301-476-8488

11/06: They replaced our roof, were knowledgeable, timely, reasonably priced

Jack's Roofing (Justin Decker), 2345 Montgomery St., SS 301-585-4985, x 12

11/06: We have slate and shingles, they handled both. We're very pleased.

Mastercraft Design (Chip) 202-538-7708

8/06: Chip did our addition and is fabulous. He does all kinds of work

McTavish Roofing, Sandy Spring Rd. 301-476-8551

8/06: Used them for our new roof in '89, others on the block at same time

11/06: They did our roof years ago and recently came back for a repair.

On Top Home Improvement 301-368-3551

11/06: We had a good experience.

Patch Development Co., 647F Lostrand La, Rockville 301-294-1595

(for flat balcony roofs)

R&D, Wheaton (Geri) 301-984-1372

Rocky's Roofing, Woodbine, MD 410-549-1921

8/06: My neighbors used Rocky and they seem pleased.

Roof Masters, Rockville 301-365-5781

11/06: Replaced the flashing on my chimney. I'm happy with the work.

[Wagner Roofing](#)

11/06: For slate roofing. Not inexpensive, and we had to wait several weeks.

Weather Protection Roofing 301-949-1811

Seamstress (see Tailors and Seamstresses)

Security Systems (see Home Security)

Shoe Repair

Joe's, 1335 Holton Lane, Tak Park 301-439-6867

8/06: He did a great job.

Arina's, 8207 Fenton St, SS 301-587-4477

3/08: Excellent work, reasonable price

Stern's Shoe Repair, 1046 Ripley St., SS 301-588-0557

8/06: Where most of the places that "do" shoe repairs have them done

Siding

[American Windows & Siding](#), Kensington 301-962-4150

4/05: Very nice work on vinyl siding

Silver Repair

Abercrombie (now out of business)

[Chevy Chase Plating and Polishing](#), Rockville 301-230-7686

Intercon Industries 410-358-3377

Louis Hevia, Monticello Ave. 301-649-7496

Metro Plating and Polishing, Inc. 301-493-4009

Stone Work

Hayes Brothers, Rockville 301-840-0419

5/08: They faced concrete stairs with stone/flagstone; created flagstone patio.

Welsh, Chris (BWM Stonework) 301-879-3358

2/08: I can't say enough good things about him. Meticulous and a real artist

7/08: He did a flagstone walk for us, and we highly recommend him

7/08: They did our flagstone patio - a fantastic, thorough, and professional job.

Tailors and Seamstresses

Abrahams Custom Tailor, 14310 Layhill Rd, SS, MD 20906 301-598-5008

4/07: Very good.

3/08: Outstanding work.

Ca Luong (Kah), Dennis Avenue 301-213-5671

Green, Holly, 109 University Blvd. W. (2nd floor) 301-681-3561

8/05: Can make dresses in addition to doing alterations

3/08: (3 recs) Simple alterations and intricate gowns (wedding, prom). Reasonable

Henry, Maxine 301-946-2467

Jean, Custom Design and Alterations 301-588-3772

Judith, Gaithersburg 240-388-9018

3/08: An excellent seamstress

Ms. Nachinsky 301-681-7013

Tailor @ cleaners in Four Corners, next to Chevy Chase Bank

11/03: Reasonable and competent

Tailor @ Ku's Reliable Cleaner, 8736 Flower Ave.

9/02: They do an exceptional job and are very reasonable

7/03: Skilled and reasonably priced

3/08: (2 recs) Quick, good, and affordable alterations.

Tax Return Preparers

AARP members at your County Library (free)

Definitely at Fairland Library; likely at SS and White Oak

Etienne, Jina, SS 301-588-6500

3/06: Small, women-run CPA group in Silver Spring

Metzer, Gordon, Aspen Hill 301-460-1776

3/06: (no specific comment)

O'Hara, Ed, SS 301-680-0840

3/06: (no specific comment)

Raigrodski, Larry 301-230-2385

3/05: Excellent. Extremely good service for almost 10 years

3/06: Excellent

Surinder, in Indian Spring 301-588-7401

3/06: Fast and reasonable

Television/VCR Repair

A-1 TV Sales & Service, 2141 Industrial Pkwy, SS 301-593-7676

8/05: Nice folks, very responsive. Best thing: they can make house calls.

Danco Electronic Service, 929 Gist Ave. 301-585-8844

12/01: Quality is top-notch and prices fair. Used them for TV, stereo & VCR

12/04: An excellent place to get TVs, stereo components, and VCRs fixed

Russell TV Service, 8025 Ga. Ave, SS 301-587-7601

4/03: We have been happy with them. Owner-operated and fair-priced.

8/05: They are good. Reconditioned our 20+ yr old Toshiba to work like new

Tiling

[Hugh Keany Tile](#) 301-588-3899

10/06: We were very pleased. He just does tile work.

Travel -- Lodging/Food

[rentalo.com](#)

9/06: A good resource for booking lodging.

[Novotel](#), 52nd and Broadway, NYC

9/06: Our favorite place in NYC. Generous rooms. In middle of theater district

[Carmine's](#), 44th and Broadway, NYC

9/06: Family-style Italian dining with very generous portions. Very good food

[The Gershwin Hotel](#), NYC

9/06: Artsy, fun, affordable

Tree Care (see also Lawns and Yardwork)

[Arbor Care Inc.](#)

7/07: (2 recs) They're not cheap but they are very thorough

Artistic Tree Experts (Jeff),

5/03: (2 recs) He cut down an enormous tree at a very reasonable price

9/03: Efficient, professional, inexpensive

10/05: Price was good. They used more manpower & less machinery

Al Lehman Brothers Tree Service 301-593-6153

8/04: Reputable, knowledgeable, environmentally conscious. Exceptional work

[Bartlett Tree Experts](#) (Kevin Carr, Mgr) 301-881-8550

7/07: (no specific comment)

[Branches Tree Experts](#) 301-589-6181

5/03: (no specific comment)

Charles Taylor Tree Service 301-933-0946

9/03: Tree service & landscaping. Supervised crews at White House, Capitol

Charlie Musser C & L 301 926 4646

6/07: He did a huge tree over two sheds and really did a great job.

Colbert Tree & Landscaping (Trek Colbert) 301-445-5013

6/08: He's done work for me several times. Was efficient and had good prices.

Ed's Tree Service 301-937-6269; 301-681-4186

6/08: (no specific comment)

[Kuhns Tree Service](#) (mixed reviews)

7/05: (2 recs) Great job - reasonable prices

7/05: Quote was very high, focused on their expensive machine, not on tree health

[McTavish's Tree Service](#)

10/05: Quote for tree removal was slightly cheaper than Artistic Tree Experts

National Stump Removal (Roger Tasker) 301-290-0683

8/07: Excellent tree stump removal service. Very reasonable and fast.

Potomac Lands Tree & Shrub, Great Falls, VA 703-450-4475

5/03: Much less than the other bids for tree removal. Offered a winter discount

Pullen, Larry 540-937-5140

5/08: Lots of experience, average price. Took down trees in a tight space.

Shannon Tree & Landscaping (Richard Murray), SS 301-593-7028

9/03: Watching them take down a massive tree was like watching a ballet

[Takoma Tree Experts](#)

7/05: (2 recs) They gave us choices, and they were neat and timely.

6/07: They did a great job.

6/08: Took down a big tree in one day. Check fine print for extra charges.

Upholstery / Slipcovers

Charles Frazier Upholstery 240-644-8491

3/08: I highly recommend for the detail, efficiency & cost. Will pick up & deliver.

Guzman, Mel (Atelier Draperies), 713 Sligo Ave., SS 301-589-0362

3/08: recommended for upholstery

8/08: The work was quality and the price and service were great

Marcy (Dad does the work), Takoma Park 301-270-3838

10/05: For upholstery or slipcovers. Reasonable and did excellent work

Termini, Phil ([Termini Furniture Services](#)), Gaithersburg 301-468-0660

3/08: High quality, reasonable price, large fabric selection. Did chair, ottoman.

Turner, Rick 301-332-6915

3/08: Marvelous. He did a chair, just about perfectly

[Yi's Upholstery Interiors](#), 12200 Parklawn Dr., Rockville 301-770-3687

3/08: (multiple recs) Very happy with their work. Prices are good, as well.

8/08: Nice, reasonably priced work

8/08: We agree. We used Yi to recover a sleep sofa.

Veterinarians

[Fairland Animal Hospital](#), 12711 Old Columbia Pike 301-622-2115

10/8: Small friendly practice, with no pressure for expensive care.

[Kindness Animal Hospital](#), 2130 Univ. Blvd., Wheaton 301-949-2511

8/04: We have been happy with them. Their hours are easy to work with.

9/05: I like all the doctors there. They're usually able to stick to their schedule.

6/06: They are wonderful for my two cats. Separate waiting areas for cats/dogs

10/8: OK. They lack continuity in vets and order tests that might not be necessary.

Krishna, Gouri (Silver Spring Animal Hosp), 1915 Seminary Rd. 301-587-6099

9/08: Small office but I think she's great.

9/08: We use Dr. Marohn but Dr. Gouri is also very good.

Marohn, Rhya ([At Home Animal Care](#)) in-home vet care 301-332-8563

9/08: I was impressed with her manner and expertise. (She does not do surgery)

9/08: She's been great and is very price-competitive.
10/08: Personable, up-to-date, and great with our dogs and cats
McDowell, Joyce; Kensington Veterinary Clinic 301-933-5010
5/06: The most competent and compassionate vet I have ever been to.
3/07: I was so impressed with her expertise, thoroughness & compassion.
Perl, Solomon, housecall veterinarian 301-774-5656
3/08: Very competent. He will let neighbors share the \$40 "house call" fee.
Silver Spring Animal Hospital, 1915 Seminary Rd. 301-587-6099
3/08: Compassionate vet found the right care for our dog's unique situation.
[Takoma Park Animal Clinic](#), 7330 Carroll Ave. 301-270-4700
9/08: Doctors very competent. Staff attentive and friendly.

Wallpaper

Craig P Emory Wallpaper Hanger 301-937-7813
1/07: He has done a couple of jobs in my house and was very good.

Water Heaters

ARS 800-324-3903
9/08: Reasonable price and good job updating our water heater several years ago

Waterproofing

[AquaGuard](#) 800-784-9913
2/03: Installed French drains and sump pumps. Expensive, but a dry basement.
7/04: Better price than Mid-Atlantic, and we were pleased with their service
6/06: They are top-rated by Checkbook, and we have had no problems
[B-Dry](#) (one negative comment) 888-400-2379
6/06: We used them 20 yrs ago, more recently installed a back-up generator
6/06: We used them but had water after a storm, despite battery back-up

Window Replacement

[American Home Center](#) 301-220-1144
6/05: (3 recs) Very pleased with quality and speed of installation
[American Windows & Siding](#), Kensington 301-962-4150
4/05: Very nice work on a kitchen "garden" window
[Crystal Exteriors](#), 209 Whitestone Rd. (Woodmoor) 301-681-8186
3/08: Neat & clean, and the crew works only for this company
Ehrenfried, Jim (Home Exteriors Plus) 800-346-0880; 301-926-5208
3/08: Great work. Also recommend for roofing, siding, gutters, handyman
Home Depot
6/07: Good price. Great windows. Good follow-up
[KC-Pella](#), 7613 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda

6/05: We replaced all our windows, pleased with the choices & service

[Premier Window & Bldg](#) (mixed reviews)

8/02: After long wait, they upped the price, later refunded our downpayment.

3/08: Primary crew was great; backup crew a bit sloppy. They fixed all problems

3/08: Contracted for 1 window. After delay and price change, we got deposit back

Rockville Window & Door, 7404 Lindbergh Dr., Rockville 301-208-3580

3/08: Good prices, quality installation, quick, and great folks to work with.

[Wheaton Door & Window](#)

6/05: The quote was good and we have been happy

11/06: (multiple recs)

[The Window Place](#), Rockville 888-286-0732

8/02: We're enjoying the Andersen windows they installed.

Wolff, Dave (contractor) 240-398-6940

Window Treatments

[Calico Corners](#), Rockville

7/08: Huge selection of materials. Not cheap - it's custom work. Order during sale

Yardwork (see Lawns & Yardwork)