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#### ***Storm Damage Repair Work***

**Sandusky** – Residents are urged to do their homework before hiring a contractor for storm damage repair - or any work for that matter. Companies (Storm Chasers) have flocked to Northern Ohio from other parts of Ohio and states across the country to take advantage of property damage caused by the May 7, 2010 hail storm.

Is the company a reputable contractor with a long history in the area? Can the company produce a list of references from the area? Is the Contractor registered with the City of Sandusky and Regional Income Tax Agency (City registration requires RITA registration)? Is the Company registered as a business with the Ohio Secretary of State? Have you checked out the contractor with the Better Business Bureau?

Even if they are new to the area, ask for references from where they have worked before. Call the Chamber of Commerce in that area or their material suppliers. Ask about warranties and guarantees. Warranties require the product to be installed correctly, so the contractor should be able to guarantee their work. Ask about how you submit warranty claims.

Before signing anything, read the fine print. Property owners are being asked to sign a paper that requires the work to be performed by the company that gave the estimate or that inspected the storm damage. And, if you choose to go with another contractor, your contract states that you owe the contractor that you signed the paper with a percentage of the cost of the work to be performed by the other contractor.

If you have any questions or want to verify the registration of a contractor, please contact the City's Building Inspection Division at 419-627-5940. Our mission is to work with our citizens to implement the building codes to ensure our community is a safe place to live, learn, work and play.

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