

Deck Quote Comparison Guide

Read three quotes like a pro

Two quotes for the same deck can look very different. This guide helps you compare them line by line so you compare apples to apples.



— What every quote should spell out

- Exact decking material and grade
- Total square footage and deck height
- Footings, framing, railings, and stairs included
- Who pulls the permit and pays the fee
- Old-deck demolition and haul-away (if any)
- Payment schedule and warranty

— Questions that reveal the real price

Ask each builder: Is this the final price or an estimate? What could change it? What's NOT included? How are change orders priced? When is the balance due — before or after inspection?



— Remember

A higher quote that includes permits, demolition, and a real warranty can be cheaper than a low quote that leaves those out. Get the final scope and price in writing before any deposit, and never pay the balance until the work passes inspection.