

Vendor and Service Referrals

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The Handy Helpers are back providing full services. If your routine maintenance was delayed at our request, please give us a call. Thank you for your patience.



Your house needs painting; you've just bought a ceiling fan but you need an electrician to install it; and your window washer retired after years of service. You've seen advertisements for these services, but how do you choose? Where can you get referrals for these services and others that are on your "to do" list?

Neighbors InDeed can help with that! Many of you might think of the Handy Helpers when you see "Neighbors InDeed", but that's not all we do. A significant part of our services is Information & Referral (I&R), making referrals from a comprehensive database of about 600 entries for services and agencies that can meet almost any in-home care, house maintenance, or other service need.

All the entries in the I&R Resources database are either based on recommendations by Lincoln Hills residents or are public agencies. Each must provide basic information such as contact names, address, phone number and a brief description of their services. If applicable to the service category, information about professional licenses and registration are obtained from State Consumer Affairs databases. Every two years, they are contacted to ensure that the information is still accurate, and that licenses/registrations are still active.

Vendors and services include:

- Health related services, e.g., personal care such as meal prep, dressing, and socialization, shopping/errands, meal delivery, respite care, etc.
- Home maintenance, e.g., HVAC, painters, plumbers, housecleaning, window washers, gardeners, handymen, electricians, and more.
- Other services, e.g., auto repair, pet sitters and groomers, notaries, movers, fiduciaries, laundry and alterations, etc.,
- Support groups/services: SCLH and other support groups, senior service agencies such as Adult Protective Services, Seniors First, etc.

To see groups or services not listed above, check our website:
www.neighborsindeed.org.

The I&R volunteers receive a variety of calls every day. They are not only the “gateway” to the Handy Helper who will reprogram your sprinkler controller, and the walker you need to get around, but also to vendors and agencies in the community that will make your life here safer and more comfortable.

*As always, please remember that we do not answer the phone. Leave us a message at **916-223-2763** and we will return your call as promptly as possible between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.*

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