

Recommended Services -- ISCA Listserv

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The list includes the dates (month/year) 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. Those items in [blue](#) (and underlined) are hyperlinks to web sites.

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 many of these services and others in the message area of the group.

Accountants (see also Tax Return Preparers)

[Smith, Patrick](#), 3304 King William Dr., Olney, 301-363-7306

11/12: He will come to your home and is always reachable and does a great job.

Acupuncturists (see Physicians – Alternative Medicine)

Airport Limos (see also Taxi / Limo Services)

[Airport Connection](#)

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

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

10/10:

12/06: Affordable and on time

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

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

12/06: good service, prompt and polite

[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)

Antique Sellers

Lancette, Chris ([Orion's Attic](#)), Indian Spring resident

2/13: He and his partner Wonok do a wonderful job selling our treasures.

Appliance Repair (see also Vacuum Cleaners – Repair)

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

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

[A&E Factory Service](#),

8/12: (Recommended for dishwasher repair.)

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

8/12: My choice for dishwasher repair. Was much more reasonable than the plumber.

2/10: They are busy, but I've always been pleased with their work and their prices.

3/09: They fixed our clothes dryer. Very reasonable and reliable.

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

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

All-State Appliance, 8111 Piney Branch Rd., SS, 301-589-0555

11/10: Applied the service call fee to the price of a new machine, delivered the same day.

[BGE Home](#),

2/11: They service most major appliances. We've been impressed with the quality.

Burkett, James, in Indian Spring, 301-384-7611; 301-237-7510 (cell)

8/12: He fixed our old dishwasher, which had stopped emptying water at the cycle's end.

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

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

[RepairClinic](#)

8/12: I have made repairs to a refrigerator and clothes drier, for the cost of the parts.

6/02: Can't recommend enough. Use Repair Guru & Part Detective for do-it-yourself help

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

Russell, Chip, 202-538-7708

1/09: He did our remodel and the design for it. A local guy you can trust.

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

5/08: He is excellent.

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

3/04: Worked very well with the contractor

Stacy, Amy; Woodmoor, 301-593-0999

6/08:

Attorneys

Altman, Gary, 11300 Rockville Pike, 301-468-3220
10/08: Recommended for elder care law.

Andalman & Flynn, Silver Spring, 301-563-6685
4/11: I highly recommend them for drafting wills.
2/11: Mary Ellen Flynn is a good divorce attorney.
7/05: Recommended for drafting wills
4/04: Very good. Recommended for wills & estates, employment law

Baum, Bob, 301-610-0610
7/05: Recommended for drafting wills

Breads, Michael, 8737 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-585-9800
6/10: I can recommend him for wills and trusts.

Case, Dave, Indian Spring, davidwcase@gmail.com, 301-565-4903
4/11: I'd recommend him. He has a background in wills and estates.
6/10: I recommend this ISCA-ite.
6/10: He does a great job and is very professional. Recommended for estate planning.

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; Fierst, Barry, [Fierst & Fink](#), Rockville, 301-762-8872
10/08: (2 recs) Barry Fierst recommended for elder care law and all family law.
7/05: Recommended for drafting wills

Karpel, Curtis, 8601 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-495-0070
8/04: Very to the point, accessible. Recommended for drafting 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

Stasio, Renee, 5425 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, 301-718-4410
5/11: Smart, compassionate family lawyer.

Tobin, O'Connor & Ewing (Stephen O'Connor or Jennifer Concino)
12/08: The firm I work at part-time does elder care law.

Zipin, Phil, 8403 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, 301-587-9373
1/13: (Rec for "small business attorney familiar with medical/mental health practice")
8/04: Does general law; nice guy. Recommended for drafting wills

Auto Body Repair

Burnt Mills Auto (Eric Byrd), Silver Spring, 301-593-1100
12/08: We've used them twice (once for insurance claim). Good folks there.
3/08: Used them for years. Good quality service.

Eddie's Auto Body, 936 Philadelphia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-589-5000
12/08: Quit nice and very reasonable.
9/06: Very friendly and very inexpensive

Hanagan's Auto Body, Silver Spring, 301-589-2260 (1 negative comment)
9/12: (Multiple recs)

10/11: (3 recs) They did a nice job on my Passat wagon this summer.
2/11: Hanagan's is overpriced by 20-30 percent.
2/11: Great work.
12/08: We use Hanagan's for insurance claims, but Eddie's when we're paying.
12/08: We have used them more than once and have always been satisfied.
12/08: They do great work and stand behind it.
12/08: We have used Hanagan's and it was fine. We now go to Eddie's.
9/06: Excellent results
10/05: They've done great work and work well with the insurance companies.

King Street Collision, 809 King St., SS, 301-589-5300

9/12: GEICO inspection, paperwork, rental, and body work all handled at 1 location.
9/12: They were up-front about what work they could and could not do.
9/12: Friendly, good work, very convenient. Office was quiet for first appt. in the morning.

Prestige Auto Body, 928 Philadelphia Ave, Silver Spring, 301-578-4170; 866-382-2197

12/08: Our last body work (thru insurance claim) was here. Appears perfect.

[Quattro Auto Body](#), Silver Spring, 301-589-5401

3/08: I was very happy and would go back to them.

[Sterling Auto Service and Body Shop](#), 2729 Garfield Ave., SS, 301-608-1433

9/12: The owner is personally involved; his people are well trained. Honest, reasonable.

[Zamora's Auto Body](#), 773 East Gude Dr., Rockville

9/12: We have used Zamora's multiple times over the years and been very happy.

Auto Dealers – Service Department

[Herb Gordon Subaru](#), 3121 Automobile Blvd., Silver Spring, 877-612-7928

4/11: We've been going there since 2003. Excellent communication. Highly recommend.
4/11: We have nothing but excellent service from them.
4/11: Switched to Herb Gordon after bad service from Fitzgerald on Rockville Pike.

Auto Detailing

[Triple D's Mobile Detailing](#), 240-644-5932

8/12: He did an amazing job on the dog car with mounds of fur and dirt.
7/12: I called this morning and he came right away. I'm impressed with his work.

[Discount Mobile Detailing](#), 703-393-1363

5/11: I've used this company once and would use them again. They come to your house.

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 (see also Auto Dealers – Service Dep't)

Beahm's Auto Service, 944 Sligo Ave, Silver Spring, 301-587-0727

10/05: Competent, fast, reasonably priced, and entirely trustworthy

12/05: Last-minute service was excellent and reasonably priced.

Burnt Mills Citgo/BP, 10711 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, 301-593-1036

3/12: They're just so darn pleasant and will explain everything.

4/11: I love those guys. So kind, so quick, reasonable prices

3/09: For any service your car might need. Mike and Marty are great, honest, and fair.

Burnt Mills Mobil/Sunoco, 10810 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring, 301-593-1200

4/11: Not cheap, but honest, and does good work.

2/11: Better pricing than Hanagan's.

10/05: Excellent mechanic

Central Car Repair, 811 Burlington Ave., Silver Spring, 301-495-0889

3/12: Competent, honest, and low-cost, but you might sometimes have to wait for parts.

D&R ServiCenter, 3921 Plyers Mill Rd., Kensington

10/05: Very capable and honest

Fenton Citgo (Nani Shrestha), 8333 Fenton St., Silver Spring, 301-588-7600

12/11: He knows his stuff, does a good job, and prices fairly.

[Jiffy Lube](#), 6510 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park, 301-270-4900

4/11: Good for oil change, routine maintenance. Just north of DC line.

Kevin @ Amfor Automotive, 2632 Pittman Dr., Silver Spring, 301-588-5555

10/05: Honest and reasonable

[Murray's Auto Clinics](#), 999 Philadelphia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-585-7557

(Many, many recommendations over several years) "Reasonable and scrupulous"

1/13: I LOVE Murrays, but I go to the one by the MVA off Tech Road.

3/12: Very good, very fair. But one time they just couldn't get the 4-wheel alignment right.

3/12: We've taken our Toyotas there for 20 years.

12/11: They give you a straight story and lay out your options. Very cost-conscious.

4/11: Great place. They'll drive you to the Metro and back, or to your home.

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.

[Satellite Motors](#), 8109 Mayor Lane, Silver Spring, 301-585-7876

3:12: Good work and customer service.

3/12: Another vote for Satellite Motors.

3/12: I've been taking my Toyota there for over 20 years. Great service, very reliable.

[Takoma Auto Clinic](#), 7221 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, 301-270-1772

12/11: Johnny is a nice guy, does a great job, works quickly, and charges fairly.

Takoma Old Town Auto, 7060 Carroll (Tak. Pk), 915 Thayer (SS), 301-891-3725

12/11: Been using them for 20+ years. They're excellent, especially for foreign cars.

10/09: (2 recs) Competent, reliable, honest, friendly, quick.

10/05: Very reasonable and honest

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

Auto Restoration

[White Post Restorations](#), near Winchester VA

1/13: If you have deep pockets and want the best, you can't go wrong with these guys.

Auto Tire Specialists

Radial Tire Company, 9101 Brookville Rd., SS, 301-585-2740

9/11: They don't oversell you. But you do have to go early (first-come, first-served).

9/11: They were great with our tire that just needed to be repaired.

9/10: I have used them for over 25 years and sent others there with no complaints.

9/10: They recommended tires that were good quality but not too expensive.

9/10: We've used them for at least 30 years. Best price around.

9/10: We've had several punctures over the years, and they've fixed them all for free.

Barber

Nachinsky, Felix, 301-681-7013

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

3/08: Excellent work, reasonable price

Bathtub Refinishing

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

2/11: Instead of an estimate, I got the hard sell. He left when I wouldn't buy on the spot.

7/09:

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

Betz, 301-854-0990

12/05: Reglazing only

[Buck's Reglazing](#)

7/09:

Porcelain Classics, Laurel, 301-317-5009

8/12: We had two bathtubs refinished years ago. They still look fabulous.

4/11: We've used them more than once, with fabulous results. The tubs look like new.

[Porcelite](#), 301-595-9131

8/12: I'm a property manager and have been using Porcelite for year. Prices are great.

7/09:

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

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

Waugh Refinishing. (Gary Waugh)

8/12: Gary Waugh is a true artist and does a meticulous job (tub and tile reglazing).

Beauty Salons (See Hair Stylists)

Bicycle Repair

[The Bicycle Place](#), 9168 Brookville Rd. (**NEW ADDRESS**), Silver Spring

5/09: I take my bike there for yearly tune-ups and various accessories.

[Silver Cycles](#), 9330 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-585-1889

5/09: The owner is great and her technicians do a great job.

5/09: They are very skilled and understand the importance of customer service.

Bookbinder

[Apex Book Manufacturing](#), Alpharetta, GA

1/11: I found them through printindustry.com. They are great. Ask for Rick.

[Print Industry Exchange](#),

1/11: You can put any printing job up for bid by printers all over the United States

Cakes

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

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

[Cakelove](#), 8512 Fenton St., Silver Spring, 301-565-2253 (**NEW ADDRESS**)

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

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

4/06: They need a week's notice

Woodmoor Pastry Shop, 10127 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, 301-593-7667

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

Camera/Video Repair (see also Electronics Repair)

[Danco Electronic Service](#), 929 Gist Ave., SS, 301-585-8844

7/10: Dan may be able to fix your video camera. Strauss is far more expensive.

6/08: Dan has repaired camcorders for me.

[Strauss Photo](#), 1240 Mt. Olivet Rd. NE, Washington DC, 202-529-3200

7/10: Dumpy on the outside, but they are one of the best. Authorized factory repair.

Carpentry/Millwork

Caricofe, Carl, 301-642-5398

12/10: We highly recommend this master carpenter. He has done several projects for us.

Carino, Jose, 301-793-1566

11/12: He's perfect for living room built-ins. He is masterful and meticulous.

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

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

Haugh, Mike, 240-372-6535

11/10: I'd like to recommend him for woodwork. Very conscientious about quality of work.

Jaeger, Walter ([Jaeger & Ernst](#)), 434-973-7018

11/12: He did a beautiful job of all the cherry woodwork, doors, windows, and lamps.

[Lamar & Wallace](#), Landover, 301-772-2400

11/12: They made our front door.

Pascal, Mark, 240-604-9648

12/11: He does good work and prices fairly.

12/11: I agree, Mark is awesome!

[Patterson, Martin](#), 814-842-9671 (cell) or 814-842-6659

11/12: He lives in PA but has works in this area. Definitely worth a call.

11/12: He made built-in cabinets/shelves/drawers. Work is beautiful; prices reasonable.

Quinn, Joe (Quinn's Painting), 301-431-4282

7/11: My folks used him to install crown molding, put up shelves, and build steps.

[Sullivan's Woodworking](#) (Curtis Sullivan), 304-263-5778

7/11: Located in WVa, but he's in this area 1-2 times a week. Pricing is reasonable.

Carpet/Rug 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

11/12: Fantastic restoration of oriental rugs.

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

[Cleaning Corps](#) (Jim Tracy), info@cleaningcorps.com, 301-588-2504 (a certified [B Corporation](#))

2/13: Super nice family-run business. Great service, good prices.

2/13: They will come to you, plus they only use "green" products.

11/12: They are located in our neighborhood and provide stellar service.

6/11: A great job at a great price.

5/11: Several times saved carpets that looked really bad. A "green" company.

11/10: He salvaged an old wall-to-wall carpet that looked hopeless. It did not cost much.

6/10: Cleaned my basement carpet. The owner was very nice and extremely professional

Harvey, Jim, 301-570-4942

11/12: The best I have seen.

[Normandy Carpet Care](#), Gaithersburg, 301-740-2005

5/11: They also do a great job on upholstery.

1/07: In-plant cleaning for delicate rugs

Carpet Installation

Home Depot

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

Lowe's

Caterers

[Alchemy Caterers](#), 11307 Elkin Street, SS, 240-242-9040

3/10: I love Silver Spring-based Alchemy Caterers.

[Columbia Catering](#), 202-408-8484

5/09:

[Corcoran Caterers](#), 301-588-9200

5/09: I think you will be pleased with their service

[Fresh Start Catering](#), 425 2nd St. NW., Washington DC, 202-234-0707 x125

3/10: The food was excellent and the presentation was beautiful too.

La Prima, 240-687-5943

5/09: Call Tony Pizzola, an ISCA neighbor

[My Thyme](#), 4862 Lee Hollow Place, Ellicott City, 240-388-0468

3/10: Three brothers passionately running a great local catering company.
[Occasions Caterers](#), 202-546-7400
5/09: (no specific comment)
[Planet Bollywood](#), 8622 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-562-8622
12/09: The food was delicious and the service and price couldn't be beat.
[Renaissance Chef](#), Frederick, 301-228-2433
4/11: The food is local, and they are small and fantastic.
[Ridgewells](#), 301 652 1515
5/09: Small & large events. The food is delicious & creative (can also be organic)
Tibebe, Mimi, meskimimi@yahoo.com, 240-423-6758
7/11: Tasty food with an artistic flair, from appetizers to desserts. It was spectacular.
[Windows Catering](#), **DO NOT USE**
3/10: The food was great but there were unacceptable planning/communication issues.

Ceramic / Pottery Repair

New Asia Art Shop, 8905 Fairview Rd., SS, 301-585-8810
2/13: She has done museum work and is quite expert.

Chair Caning

Robert Johnson Cabinet Makers, 301-625-5744
1/07: All types of furniture repairs and restoration; excellent work

Chimney

Burkett, James, in Indian Spring, 301-384-7611; 301-237-7510 (cell)
7/12: He fixed our chimney from leaking after heavy rains.
Bryant Chimney (Vincent Bryant), 301-680-0488
7/12: Winston's quoted me \$150-175, but Bryant reinstalled the cap (and more) for \$50.
11/08: Solid advice, excellent service, reasonable prices. No hype or hustle.
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.
[Columbia Chimney Services](#), 410-997-3181
11/12: We used Robert Waid, who will inspect and clean. He also installed an insert.
[High's Chimney Service](#) (Several negative comments), 301-519-3500
11/12: They used a camera to show me the deterioration of the tiles. No guesswork.
12/05: Did a great job
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
MCP Chimney Sweeps, 301-774-4500
6/02: Reliable, knowledgeable, courteous, and clean
Old London Towne, 301-718-2875; 202-248-2461
12/03:
[Priddy Clean](#), 301-530-4262
9/12: They were the most responsive and least expensive. They weren't pushy.

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

11/08: Winston's does a good job.

12/03: Honest and did a great job

Chiropractors (See Physicians, Chiropractors)

College Counseling

Nikkee Porcaro, nikkee120@gmail.com, 908-303-3206

3/12: An articulate young woman and family friendly to anyone seeking these services.

Computers, Repair & Data Recovery

[BoonPC](#), 7720 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, 301-654-2116

11/12: THE best, bar none...and very reasonably priced. We've been using him for years.

11/08: Brilliant, fast, reasonably priced. You have to take your computer to him.

[Caitlin Enterprises](#), 4116 Peppertree Lane, Silver Spring

2/06: More for small business. 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:

Hunt, Chris, 240-271-1451

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

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

[Interdata Recovery Services](#), Irvine, Calif.

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

[MacUpgrades](#), 6931 Arlington Rd., Bethesda, 301-907-0300

8/09: Recommended for Mac screen repair

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

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

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

Schaaf, John, 301-576-2651 (**number disconnected**)

8/10: Extremely reasonable & knowledgeable. In-home repair for less than Geek Squad.

Terabyte (Don Coyne), 110 Whitmoor Terrace, SS, 301-593-7179 (**Number disconnected**)

1/11: His prices are very low and his work is very good.

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

YourGeeks (urgeeks), 240-247-7923; 800-944-5413

8/11: They did good work for me.

5/11: Wonderful!! They keep our computers working perfectly. Not expensive.

5/11: We used them for repair, virus removal, new computer purchase and set-up. Great!

5/11: John was very good. Explained the problem and taught me a few things.

5/11: They did a fantastic job.

Concrete

[Creative Concrete](#), 2323 Stewart Ave., SS, 301-565-0246

6/12: They did our long driveway. It is beautiful and we could not be more pleased.

6/12: Walker Simpson and his crew recently put in a beautiful patio in our backyard.

[Deco Systems](#), 14803 Southlawn Ln., Rockville, 301-217-0959

6/12: They did our stamped concrete front walk in 2000.

Consignment Sales

[iSold It on eBay](#), 12101 Darnestown Rd., Gaithersburg, 301-990-2040

4/09: I have used them many times and been happy with them.

Contractors / Remodelers (See also Kitchen/Bath Remodeling)

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](#) **DO NOT USE**

4/11: We used them several years ago and are still fixing their mistakes.

Burkett, James, Indian Spring, 301-237-7510

10/12: He turned our laundry room and adjoining area into a full bath-laundry room.

7/12: Fantastic work remodeling our two existing bathrooms and adding a half bath.

8/10: He completely remodeled our upstairs bathroom. Great workmanship, honest.

[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.

Cherry, Joe (see Twin Home Advantage)

Complete Home Repair **DO NOT USE**

Connelly, Chris, connellycm@verizon.net, 301-529-8767

5/12: A major project. He was flexible, worked within our budget, and has a great crew.

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

[Exis General Contracting](#), 301-655-5610

6/12: (Recommended for a small fence installation and electric work)

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

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

2/07: Neat, very knowledgeable, and reasonable

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

[Kitchen & Bath Depot](#), 11637 Boiling Brook Pkwy., Rockville, 301-942-8092

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

Mastercraft Design & Build (Chip Russell), mastercraftdes4u@aol.com, 301-622-7736

5/11: Turned our porch into an insulated, heated sun room. Reasonably priced.

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

3/06: Bath, bedroom, 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, mcrodriguez@comcast.net 301-261-3310

Russell, Chip, 202-538-7708

1/09: He also did the design, without charging extra. A local guy you can trust

Russo, Charles, 240-832-1340

9/11: Great work and prices. They "get" how to work on an older house.

[ServiceMagic](#) (contractor screening service)

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

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

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

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

[Toepfer Construction](#) (Disaster Restoration Specialists), Capitol Heights

11/12: SLOW, but good, responsive, professional

Twin Advantage Home Improvement (Joe Cherry), 301-607-8208

5/12: He is friendly, communicative and reasonably priced. He did an outstanding job!

3/12: He is very trustworthy, he has a great crew and does great work!

3/12: He put a large addition on our house and we were very pleased with the work.

9/11: A wonderful experience. He fixed a lot of things done wrong by the first contractor.

Welsh, Chris, chris.welch@comcast.net, 301-879-3358

4/10: Fabulous kitchen/bath remodel, cutting small mosaic stones. Reasonable prices.

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

Wolff, David, [Inner Ideas](#), 240-398-3528; 240-398-6940 **2 WARNINGS**

7/11: Has not completed a project, and the work already performed was slipshod.

8/10: His work failed inspection, and he refused to accept responsibility.

1/09: He is a craftsman and his subs were great! Also, he cleaned up every day.

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

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

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

Young, Pepper, (listed as a "carpenter" in online business listings), 301-503-1414

5/12: He renovated our 1st-floor bathroom and we love it. Other small jobs for us, too.

1/09: Extremely reliable and very trustworthy. Also very creative.

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

Copy Centers

Copy Connection, 962 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, 301-587-7468

11/10: We use them for the ISCA newsletter. Price is good. You can email them the file.

Dentists (see also Oral Surgeons, Orthodontists)

Bernstein, Michael, 8904 Flower Ave., Silver Spring, 301-587-7115

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

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

Cobb, Andrew (Cosmetic, Implant, & Restorative Dentistry), 4400 Jennifer St. NW, DC

8/12: Fantastic dentist – state-of-the-art technology.

3/12: I strongly recommend him (for TMJ). Fantastic dentist.

FunSmiles, Robert Camps & Jena Fields, 2415 Musgrove Rd., Silver Spring, 301-989-8994

5/07: multiple recommendations for this pediatric practice.

DuBose, Tomell, 5437 Connecticut Ave. NW, DC, 202-364-6550

3/12: Helped identify my case (of TMJ) and realign my bite.

Ensor, Shalja, 11301 Rockville Pike, Rockville, 301-881-6170

7/12: She is great with the little ones; the office is geared towards kids with lots of toys.

Galkin, Todd, 9225 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, 301-588-8828 (4 NEGATIVE)

4/11: I had a crown replaced by Dr. Galkin and had no problem with it.

4/11: Our kids love going there for regular check-ups.

4/11: Good routine care and cleanings. Our 3-yr-old loved her first cleaning.

3/11: I lost a tooth due to his poor work on a root canal. (My endodontist told me that.)

3/11: I felt pressured to have x-rays that I didn't want.

3/11: He's fine for routine care, but I've had to have his crowns and bridgework redone.

3/11: I had poor to terrible experiences with him with crowns.

3/11: We LOVE him.

7/09: He's fabulous with kids, as are his dental hygienists.

7/09: My husband and I really like him and his practice.

5/09: He's top-notch, as are his hygienists. Great with kids and adults

Gallant, Thomas, 8906 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring, 301-589-2294

5/09: Very good.

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

5/07: several recommendations for pediatric dentistry

Handelman, Brian, 10313 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-593-7500

3/11: Excellent

5/09: Very good.

Hill Pediatric Dentistry, 10230 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, 301-408-3131

7/09: I took my daughter there and had a good experience.

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

3/11: Good, honest, and reasonable. He's done several crowns and posts for me.

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

Kan, Glen, 10801 Lockwood Dr., Silver Spring, 301-585-7766

3/11: My friends who go to Dr. Kan think he's the best.

3/11: I've used Dr. Kan for a few years. I really like him.

King, Henry (including pediatric), 303 Granville Dr., Silver Spring, 301-589-5877

8/12: (Multiple recs) Highly skilled, up to date, great staff, good "chairside" manner.

3/11: To keep costs down, he suggested a large filling instead of a crown. It's holding up.

3/11: He did a great job on my crown last year.

5/07: Reasonable and very competent

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

2/05: We are big fans

Landis, Harold, 9801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-681-7061 (takes MetLife and Delta)

8/12: Extremely competent. He's great at talking about what he's doing.

4/11: They're also great with kids.

4/11: We're very happy with his work, his staff, and his referrals. And he does crowns.

7/09: My whole family sees him. He also does root canals and crowns.

7/09: I like that he's into educating patients and preventative care.

5/09: We all like him and his hygienist, Harriet. Takes Metropolitan Dental

10/08: (3 recs) The best dentist I ever had. He did beautiful work on my bridge.

5/07: (no specific comments)

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

Latta, Joseph, 1107 Sligo Creek Pkwy., Takoma Park, 301-891-7760

3/11: I would recommend him for crowns.

[Loza, Juan](#), 4330 East-West Hwy., Bethesda, 301-654-7808

3/11: Very nice and gentle. Each of the crowns he did has been a success.

Michael, Marcus, 344 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, 301-681-2969

11/05: Really good and rated highly

[Morgenstein, Robert](#), 11301 Rockville Pike, Rockville, 301-881-6170

7/12: (Recommended for pediatric dentistry.) Love the entire practice.

[Orlando, Carol](#), 10401 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda

7/12: We were very happy with her when our kids were small.

Park, Stephen, 8630 Fenton St., Silver Spring, 301-587-2800

2/04: Kind, gentle, and extremely competent

[Perez, Ricardo](#) (pediatric dentistry), Chevy Chase, 301-718-1012

7/12: Recommended, but pricy.

5/07: (Recommended for pediatric dentistry)

5/07: Amazing but he's expensive and does not take insurance

Recka, Randall, 9801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-681-7061

5/09: He's great, and his hygienist Terry is wonderful.

10/08: (2 recs) Very professional. Great, especially with kids.

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

Shulman, Stan, 5002 Massachusetts Ave., DC, 202-966-3100

3/11: He's done 4 (or 5) crowns for me – all fine. It's worth the extra travel time.

[Washington Center for Image Dentistry](#), Drs. Ingber and Prestipino, 7830 Old Georgetown Rd.

4/11: These are the guys other dentists go to when they need crowns.

Dermatologists (See Physicians -- Dermatology)

Doctors (See Physicians)

Dog Day Care

[The Dog Stay](#), 8122 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 240-491-5858

10/11: Terri the owner is wonderful. Our dog loves going there.

Dog Grooming

[Clever Dog](#), 2621 Garfield Ave., Silver Spring, 301-587-5820 (1 Negative Review)

3/12: It was very expensive and they did a TERRIBLE job.

5/11: They're awesome, and our dog is terrified of other groomers.

3/11: They clip our Westie.

[Doggie Washerette](#) (self-service dog wash), 7714 Georgia Ave., DC

2/13: So much easier than at home. An assistant guides you through the process.

2/13: My vet (Dr. Tanouye) really likes them.

2/13: We love them. Parking is a bummer, though.

[Mia Bella Pet Grooming](#), 15807 Good Hope Rd., SS, 301-421-0834 (h), 301-339-4159 (c)

3/11: Jill Osborne works in her home. Nice and attentive. Discount for the first visit.

Pampered Poodles, 101 Williamsburg Dr. (Woodmoor), 301-598-9177

3/09: Price is reasonable and the grooming is good.

[Sean Patrick's Pet Spa](#), 512 Main St., Laurel, 301-498-7326

3/11: We've been taking our cocker spaniel there for years.

Dog Trainers

[Avant Canine Training](#) (JanNean Williams), 855-364-7297

4/11: She came to our house, but also has group classes. She's great with follow-up.

[Capital Dog Training](#), 202-587-K9K9(5959)

5/12:

Fowler, Jane ([Good Dog, Good Manners](#)), Indian Spring resident

5/12: Always professional, but collegial and friendly, and a fount of pet knowledge.

5/12: We had wonderful help taming our furry ball of energy from Jane, a local dog trainer

[Pawfect Pups](#) (Shera Beck)

2/13: Shera is amazing. They make house calls and will work around your schedule.

Doors (front/storm doors)

[American Home Center](#), 10778 Tucker St., Beltsville, 301-220-1144

10/10: We've used them three times and been more than pleased with work and prices.

Doors Unlimited, 8607 Cameron St., Silver Spring, 301-445-2300

Home Depot

[Lamar & Wallace](#), Landover

11/12: Made our front door and are making doors for our client controlled storage.

[TW Perry](#), 8519 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, 301-652-2600

[Wheaton Door & Window](#), 11258 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, 301-949-8951

3/08: Storm door installation. Informative, professional, friendly, beautiful work.

3/07: multiple recommendations

Drainage & Grading

Archer Contractors, Potomac, 301-983-1111

8/09: For our water problems, including drainage, they have been very successful

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

Dry Cleaners

Ku's Reliable Cleaner, 8736 Flower Ave., SS

4/10: Recommended as an "excellent" dry cleaner

Drywall

Hughes, Gene (has moved out of the area)

Usury, Larry, 240-416-7815

3/08: The best at drywall.

Duct Cleaners

Note: many listserv messages questioned the "dubious value" of duct cleaning

A&M Select Services, 301-262-7773

3/10: So thorough that I now realize I was ripped off 5 yrs ago with another company.

3/10: Did a great job. \$350.

AmeriClean Services, Berwyn, MD, 301-953-2420

9/03: They also clean upholstery and carpets

[B&B AC & Heating](#), 301-881-2700

(unknown date): Expensive

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., Silver Spring, 202-437-4323

3/04: Really good.

Electricians

Adams, John, 301-439-2459

6/06: Did an awesome job rewiring our bathroom

8/05: Consumers Checkbook top-rated for both quality and price

Arnold Electric, 301-871-8787

10/09: I found him expensive.

2/08: Arnie Hoffman is in great demand, ... the wait can be long

A.S. Keach Electrical, Silver Spring, 301-681-6509; 301-518-8738

9/09: He installed ceiling fans without attic rewiring, and lines to my video room.

Crowder, Colin, 301-252-2988

2/10: He's busy, but he does quality work and his rates are very reasonable.

Dalton Electric, Burtonsville, 301-236-0429

1/08: Knowledgeable, reasonable. Did only what was necessary.

9/08: Warning - Be sure to get an up-front estimate, or cost might be excessive.

11/03: Fast, fair, friendly. Ask for Dennis Kerner.

Dave, Fred, 240-381-8496

6/05: Knowledgeable, does great work, has affordable rates. Licensed.

Discount Electric (Tony or Paul Navalaney, 301-464-1776; 240-876-4323

11/03: We were pleased with their work. Both are great guys

Electracon (DO NOT USE)

11/12: VERY expensive, slow, shoddy work. The cut brass switch plates to make them fit.

Gotlinger, Grant; Got Electric, 301-515-8676

11/12: Fast, responsive, professional, reasonable.

4/09: A fabulous electrician. Knows his stuff and is super nice.

Hughes, Rob, 301-585-0540

11/03: Excellent work, ultra reliable

JKJ Electric, Rockville, 301-315-0426

10/09: We love JKJ Electric, though they are not cheap.

Keach, Allen, 301-681-6509(h), 301-518-8738 (c)

7/10: He has installed fans, upgraded wiring, etc., for us.

7/10: He did a heavy-up and other work for us. He is very sharp-eyed and helpful.

Kennedy, Marcus, mkpreferredservices@yahoo.com, 301-728-8910

2/12: He did extensive wiring for renovations. Good work, on time, reasonable rates.

Kirby Electric, 301-315-2195

8/05: Consumers Checkbook top-rated for both quality and price

4/04 They stuck with the quote even when the job was more complicated

11/03: Very pleased with their work and rates

12/02 (several): Polite, professional, and cleaned up after themselves

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

Mollenauer, Jim, homewoodelectric@verizon.net

11/12: I highly recommend his services.

Myer Electrical (DO NOT USE)

Palmer, Stephen, 301-493-9700

6/12: (Recommended for a small outdoor electric job.)

2/08: Very pleased with his work

Ridgeway and Ernst, 301-585-2000

11/03: Work was good. Took a few weeks for non-emergency items

Ryan Electrical Services (Sean Ryan), 301-933-7926

Schafer, Norm, 301-439-6041

11/03: Used on several occasions. Always been pleased

Strunk, Mike, 240-876-6933

11/12: He is delightful, meticulous in his work, knowledgeable, and not expensive.

3/10: Replaced/rewired my porch light & timer – very neat job at a good price.

3/10: He's been our electrician for years. He identified a few safety issues for us.

11/08: Wonderful guy.

2/08: Excellent, very fussy about his work

Thompson Electric Co. (Jim Thompson), 301-332-9098

Truby, Josh, 301-728-9588 (HE GETS BOOKED UP)

5/11: A great job on a bunch of projects. Reasonable pricing. Patient explaining.

[Trunnell Electric](#), Rockville, 301-258-8300

2/08: Mid-priced. If you don't need something done, they tell you

Williams, David ([David Williams Electric Co.](#)), 410-781-4357

7/10: He recently replaced our attic fan. Excellent rating from Washington Checkbook.

Electronics Repair (see also Camera/Video Repair)

Danco Electronic Service, 929 Gist Ave., SS, 301-585-8844, dmeijer@hotmail.com

2/12: Try him for headphone repair. (Shop is only open to public on Saturdays, 10-2:00)

7/10: Dan may be able to fix your video camera. Strauss is far more expensive.

6/08: Dan has repaired camcorders for me.

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

Wired for Music (Morris, Willard), wiredformusic@gmail.com, 301-538-6284

2/13: Repaired high-end Beats headphones, for two problems. Quick, reasonably priced.

3/08: He repaired (overnight) an old, but expensive, electronic musical keyboard.

Restronic, DO NOT USE

11/12: Cashed the insurance check then lost, destroyed, or sold our electronics.

Energy Auditors

[Ecobeco](#), 240-396-2141

1/13: Thorough and professional. They didn't push any services.

12/12: We were very pleased. We probably received \$200 in light bulbs.

12/12: They replaced light bulbs and faucet aerators, gave advice on insulation.

[Energy Efficiency Experts](#), 202-557-9200

1/13: Many helpful recommendations (large and small) to reduce our energy bill.

Exterminators (see Pest Control)

Eye Doctors – Ophth(almologists), Opt(ometrists), Opt(icians)

Baum, Michael (Ophth), 8830 Cameron St., Silver Spring, 301-587-1800

4/09:
Ephraim, Barry (Opt) 10518 Connecticut Ave, Kensington, 301-942-2221
4/09:
Duplessie, Michael (Ophth), 10215 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda, 301-493-6404
10/09: He works in conjunction with an optician in the same office.
Gabry, Jerome (Ophth), 9801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-681-5050
4/09:
[Glaser, Stephen](#), Rockville (pediatric ophth.)
2/09: I highly recommend Dr. Glaser
Huang, Harry (Ophth), 5630 Shields Dr., Bethesda, 301-897-3322
8/10: He is excellent.
[Jaafar, Mohamad](#) @ Children's Hospital (pediatric ophth.)
2/09: My daughter had eye surgery with Dr. Jaafar. I highly recommend him.
[Keys, Marshall](#), Rockville (pediatric ophth.)
2/09: I can't say enough about him. I'm convinced he saved my daughter's sight.
2/09: I highly recommend him. He's low-key and gentle.
[Levy, Marc](#) (Opt.), 1013 Spring St., Silver Spring, 301-589-3400
4/09:
[Miller, Marijean](#) @ Children's Hospital
2/09: I highly recommend her.
MyEyeDr., Silver Spring (1 Warning)
8/11: Getting prescription sunglasses there a couple of years ago was a nightmare.
8/11: We've used them a couple times. Friendly and helpful, but expensive.
[Plotsky, David](#) (pediatric ophth.), Bethesda
2/09: He was recommended by an expert at NIH. He's great.
[Rodman-Englestein-Gutmark](#), 8630 Fenton St., Silver Spring, 301-588-1177
11/11: Excellent. Be prepared for a long wait, but the doctors and staff are all top-notch.
11/11: I second this recommendation. Their optical shop is a little pricey, though.
Rogell, Gerald (Ophth. – retina specialist), 1119 Rockville Pike, Rockville, 301-468-1381
10/11: I developed two huge floaters and he was very thorough – saw him about 5 times
Rubin, Adam (Opt), 19614 Club House Rd., Gaithersburg, 301-948-2060
4/09:
[Sastry, S.M.](#) (Ophth.), 10215 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda, 301-896-0101
4/09:
Schneid, Steve (Opt.), 6919 Laurel Ave, Takoma Park, 301-270-2020
4/09:
Snyder, Joseph (Ophth.), 6830 Fenton St., Silver Spring, 301-585-4931
4/09:
[Vicente, Vike](#) (pediatric ophth.), Chevy Chase
2/09: He operated on our daughter's eyes. Great with kids and knows his stuff.
Weitz, Michael (My Eye Dr.), 7254 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, 301-718-2424
5/11: He is good. Although I can't remember the last time I saw a bad optometrist.
[Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins](#)
2/09: (for pediatric ophth.) They are the best in the world. A positive experience.
Vu, Cuong (Ophth. – retina specialist), 8630 Fenton St., SS, 301-565-1651
10/11: A terrific retina specialist. (He speaks perfect English.)
Vu, Quocanh (My Eye Dr., 8525 Georgia Ave., SS., 301-588-3232
8/11: Dr. Vu was nice and competent, but store staff was not pleasant to work with.

5/11: He was nice, and I'm happy with my glasses, but my eyes aren't complicated.

Fences

[Accokeek Fence](#) (Mike Tippett), Alexandria, 703-971-0660

5/05: They are very busy, but I found their price the most reasonable

[Calco Fence and Deck](#), 301-349-5540

12/12: We used them with success, as did two of our neighbors.

10/12: We were very pleased with the wood fence. Bid was lower than Capital Fence.

[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.

[Phoenix Fence and Deck](#), Gaithersburg

12/12: I like them because they get in and out quickly.

[Spence Fence & Patio](#), 800-360-7284

5/05:

Financial Planners

Ayers, Allen, 410-763-9222

9/05:

[Farina, John](#) (Merrill Lynch), 1152 15th St., NW, Washington DC, 202-659-7222

10/10: I've been happy with him for several years.

[Galster, George \(Geoff\)](#), former ISCA resident, 1730 Rhode Island Ave, DC, 202-223-3450

10/10: We've been very happy with him.

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

9/05: We've been very happy with him. He is very easy to work with.

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, including Refinishing (Hard wood, unless noted)

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

10/03: They did a great job

A&L Floors, 301-948-5918

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

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

Arundel Floors (David Kiewell), 410-741-0765

[Atlas Floors](#), Gaithersburg, 301-948-9144

11/12: Wonderful

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

9/05: We had a great experience

10/03: The work was fabulous

Flaherty Floors, 240-605-5555 or 202-715-9762

Fugere, Joe, 123joeclean@comcast.net, 240-472-9714

1/13: He refinished one room and applied new polyurethane to the rest of the floors.

[Jerry Stull's Floors](#), Frederick, 301-662-7745

9/05: Does beautiful work

[Nash Floors](#), Rockville, 301-881-0004 or 301-637-8672

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

Select Floors, Rockville, 301-762-5100

4/11: The wood floors look beautiful and you can't tell where the old and new wood meet.

Theo, Caldwell, 301-335-7730

12/11: Our floors look great. Our realtor recommended him.

[Vanover's Hardwood Floor Works](#),

8/10: We were very pleased with the finished product.

Framing

[Art Galaxy](#) (ask for Sung Han), 19725-C Germantown Rd., Germantown

8/09: Nicely priced and high-quality work. Very much worth the drive.

[Frame Avenue](#), 4919 Cordell Ave., Bethesda

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

Imperial Fine Framing, 943 Bonifant St., Silver Spring, 301-588-9817

1/11: Small business. Great work!

Mehran, Ute (utemehran@verizon.net), Woodmoor, 301-593-1577

9/12: She has a home-based framing studio. Her work is impeccable.

8/09: No overhead like other framers. You'll be very pleased with the results.

[Miller's Framing](#), 2417 Linden Lane, Silver Spring, 301-593-4930 **NEW ADDRESS**

5/09: They do excellent work, and offer a discount if you pay by cash/check.

6/06: I've always been pleased

[Plaza Art](#), 8209 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-587-5581

6/06: Expensive

Furniture Maker

Josh English Furniture, Silver Spring, 301-332-9201

5/10: Carpenter and cabinet maker. He has pictures of some of his work.

Furniture Repairs/Refinishing

[Ballens Furniture Service](#),

7/11: What they've done with fire- and water-damaged furniture is amazing.

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

7/11: Created a new wooden supporting crossbar to match the table's remaining original

7/11: His work was okay on repairing a dining room table and chairs.

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.

[Home Depot](#)

4/10: I used Hope Depot Home Services and was pleased with the whole process.

The Garage Guys DO NOT USE

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

Genealogical Research

Library of Congress, history and genealogy reading room

[Montgomery County Public Libraries: Genealogy](#)

Mormon Temple

[National Archives](#)

Generator Installers

[JBI Services](#), 301-399-0022

1/13: They installed a natural gas unit; most reasonable quote, excellent work.

1/13: A great experience. Ian was fantastic; good recommendations, excellent work.

Glass

[Miles Glass](#), 8714 Piney Branch Rd., SS, 301-439-5111

2/11: They replaced glass shelves for an étagère.

2/11: They provided replacement glass for glass-front kitchen cabinets.

4/10: Recommended (twice) to replace a glass inlay on a dining room table.

Gutter Cleaning (Replacement, where noted)

Abrahams Lawn Service, 301-565-4069

12/Dec 06:

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

8/10: They replaced all our gutters 7 years ago. Good job at a competitive price.

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

3/03: We were pleased

Austin, Richard, 301-384-8566

Dale, Paul, 301-439-1048

12/06:

egutter.com

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

[Gutter Helmet](http://GutterHelmet.com), 888-543-5638

12/09: We had Gutter Helmet installed 6 years ago and have had excellent results.

6/05: The covers have worked beautifully

Hanson, Paul, 301-552-4438

8/10: Reliable, thorough, and reasonably priced. He made a minor repair at no charge.

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

Marshall's Roofing & Guttering, 301-946-4545

8/10: Excellent experience. They replaced our entire roof, plus extra-wide gutters.

8/10: They installed the wider gutters. Did a wonderful job, very honest.

Miller, Thomas, jeaddym@yahoo.com, 301-512-1944 or 301-233-9494

10/12: I used him for a pre-storm put-away and he was wonderful.

10/12: Certified fire fighter who is particularly good at cleaning gutters and related work.

[NGC Exterior Design](http://NGCExteriorDesign.com) **DO NOT USE**

4/10: Hired to install Guttergloves. Product is fine. Everything else (billing) was horrible.

Quinn, Joe (Quinn's Painting), 301-431-4282

1/10: Licensed; has done lots of work for my folks. Gutter cleaning, power washing, more

Togo, Silvio, 240-793-4922

Weather Protection, 301-949-1811

Williamson, Jim, 301-593-0973

3/12: Reliable, conscientious, reasonable charges. He will alert you to roof problems.

12/06: Reliable and reasonable

Hair Stylists / Hair Cuts

Akara @ Hair Cuttery (Glenmont), 12345 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-946-9570

1/11: I always get compliments on my hair, and I pay only \$16.

Arcade Barber Shop, Woodmoor Shopping Center, 301-593-1425

7/11: Guadalupe gave me a great cut. She doesn't do anything fancy, like coloring.

7/11: Guadalupe gave me a great haircut for my short, unruly hair. Wow!

5/11: Guadalupe gave me a wonderful (very short) cut. Only \$14.

4/11: Guadalupe cut my 2-year-old daughter's hair. It looks fantastic, and cost only \$13.

4/11: My son has a lot of trouble sitting, but the lady there has been successful with him.

4/11: We've taken our son there for years. They're nice and calm.

[Kibana Salon](http://KibanaSalon.com), 921 Ellsworth, SS, 301-588-8858

1/11: Damien is well worth the \$65 + tip. He didn't do anything I couldn't replicate.

1/11: Ramon is amazing. He's both a stylist and colorist. My daughter loves him too.

Dianna (owner [Headlines Hair Design](#)), 8740 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-587-5040

10/09: Did a great job for almost a year, then butchered my hair. I won't go back.

4/08: She is the best. Prides herself on craftsmanship, skill, and customer service.

Genie @ [Genie Hair Salon](#), 804 Pershing Dr., Silver Spring, 301-495-9474

3/09: My 3-year old and I love Genie. Nothing fancy, but very good. \$14 for kids.

Jade @ Hair Cuttery (Kensington), 3731 University Blvd. W., Kensington, 301-942-9748

10/09: Jade is the manager, gives a mean cut and is a master with color.

Monterastelli, Patrizia, p.monterastelli@verizon.net, 301-572-5270

8/12: She cuts, colors, highlights, you name it.

1/11: She works in her home. She is very good and her prices are reasonable.

Salon FX, 1610 Eton Rd. (Hillandale), 301-408-1188

1/11: Tina is a real perfectionist, and the cut is only \$37.

1/11: Thomas has been cutting my family's hair (all hair types) for years. He's fabulous.

1/11: My son has been going to Tom and swears by him.

1/11: I really like Tom. I think he charges less than \$50 for a cut.

5/09: Thomas is the best, creative but always picks something that fits perfectly.

5/09: Tina is great too. They have reasonable prices and great hours.

Handymen (see also Carpenters)

Amaya-Arevalo, Rigo, 240-464-6851

6/12: We saw him laying a beautiful slate walkway in the neighborhood.

2/07: Fast, reasonably priced, trustworthy. Tiling, remodeling, new windows

Arevalo, David (multiple recommendations), 301-379-2430

1/12: He can do anything.

2/07: Timely, neat, reasonable. Exterior trim, paint, power wash, yard work

Arias, Sergio, 301-675-6583

6/09: He is extremely competent and reliable, reasonable and prompt.

Carino, Jose, 301-793-1566

7/10: I've been happy with him, and he was recommended by a neighbor.

12/08: Good for painting, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, siding, flooring

12/08: Jose is tops.

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

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

Davis, Ranny, 301-938-1108

2/11: Great jobs (including electrical), extremely honest, reasonable rates.

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

2/07: Neat, very knowledgeable, and reasonable

Hartness, Mike, 301-219-9715

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

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

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

[HomeNET](#), 301-890-7308

7/10: They have done some very good work for us.

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

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

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

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

Hunter, Eli, 240-603-1208

2/11: We've used him for several handyman jobs. He has his contractor's license.

Linstrom, Tom, Indian Spring, tom.linstrom@starpower.net

11/12: He helped us find a door that fit the style of our house.

11/12: He did an exterior door for us and we were very pleased.

9/12: We had him refit and repair our basement door. Fantastic job; reasonable price.

6/12: He has helped me out in so many crises. He's capable of small to large projects.

6/12: He did great work on a number of small projects for us.

6/12: I don't think there's much he can't do. His work for us has been first class.

9/11: He's done a variety of repairs for me, and responds immediately in an emergency.

1/11: He's great – did several jobs for us. (recommended to replace upper-floor shutters)

5/10: Did a thorough job and charged a reasonable price.

Orrigo, Jonathan (Elegant Environments), 301-938-6862

11/12: He's done some small projects, and we were pleased with his work and prices.

Pazornick, David, 202-291-8181

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

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

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.

Hauling Services

[Mike's Hauling Service](#), 240-876-8763 (c), 301-588-9171 (o)

10/11: We called this AM and they came today. Reasonable price. Quick and clean.

Tim's Hauling Service, 240-994-9824

5/12: Highly recommended.

10/11: His rates are very fair and he is very honest. I would highly recommend him.

Health & Beauty Consultants

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

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

Health Clinics (see Physicians - After-Hours Care)

Heating/AC/Furnace (see also Generator Installers)

Aero Environmental, 301-621-4827; 410-531-8686; 301-806-2665

6/12: We've used Dennis for more than 20 years and he is fantastic.
6/12: Very good, from response time to quality service. Honest. Reasonable charges
9/08: They've serviced our AC unit a few times of the last several years.
9/05: We love Aero Environmental
7/05: Dennis does most of work, is very efficient, hardworking, trustworthy
7/05: Top-rated by Consumers Checkbook

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

4/11: Good service.

4/10: My recommendation [for Spring/Fall checkups and emergency repairs].

8/08: (3 recs)

3/08: Excellent work

4/04: We were happy with them

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

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

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

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

10/03: Reasonable

[Hubrig Heating & Cooling](#), 301-570-7707

6/12: Call Brian Quilin for emergency AC repair. I found him fair and professional.

11/11: Great service, plenty of time to talk about our issues, no hard sell.

8/11: Brian, one of the owners, is very knowledgeable, honest, an all-around nice guy.

8/11: Brian did a tune-up. With no hard sell, he estimated a quieter, more efficient system

8/11: I called with an emergency and they arrived within the hour. Fixed the AC for \$89.

8/11: I'm a realtor, and I've recommended him to several clients. He hasn't let them down

7/11: They did a fantastic job replacing our heating and AC units.

4/11: Brian Hubrig is the most honest & loyal HVAC man we've ever encountered.

4/11: Honest & hard-working. I've recommended them to family members.

Inside Air Technologies, 301-960-0697

Kensington Cooling & Heating, 301-564-6565

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

8/03: Very friendly, helpful with info

[Mindte Heating & AC](#), 301-424-8786

3/10: Excellent work to install new furnace/AC. I selected their estimate out of five.

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

8/08: Recommend Ken Tucker

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

4/03: We have been happy with them

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

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

Home Inspectors

Beal, Alan ([Mid-Atlantic Inspection Services](#)), 202-607-4153

10/10: This guy was fabulous and thorough.

HomeCheck, **DO NOT USE**

10/10: They were overprice and missed code violations and plumbing problems.

[JD Grewell & Associates](#), 301-588-1318

10/10: We've been satisfied. He's very thorough and been written up in the Post.

Wehrli, Paul ([PRW Home Inspections](#)), 301-792-3697

12/12: He was a builder and remodeler and does a very thorough job.

Home Security

[Ackerman Security](#),

9/11: Ackerman has been very good and inexpensive.

Interamerican Security, 301-770-7117

9/11: We have used them for 10 years and have been extremely pleased.

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

Potomac Security Systems, 301-767-0039

9/11: We had a very positive experience with them.

Hotels & Accommodations (New York and elsewhere)

Boston, [Best Western Roundhouse](#)

8/12: Near the subway, friendly, cheerful, clean, reasonably priced. Limited free parking.

New York, [Beekman Tower](#) (Midtown East, at U.N.)

4/09: This yr we had a nice suite with small kitchen and 1-1/2 baths for \$159/night.

New York, [Best Western Hospitality House](#) (Midtown East)

4/09: Former apt. bldg, each unit has kitchen. A bit worn, but good for families.

New York, [Buckingham Hotel](#) (Midtown West)

4/09: Two blocks from Central Park. Affordable by NY stds. Kitchenettes avail.

New York, [The Gershwin Hotel](#),

9/06: Artsy, fun, affordable

New York, [Holiday Inn](#) (Midtown West, 7th Ave & 57th St.)

4/09: Older, but good location and price (\$100/night thru internet special)

New York, [La Quinta Inn Manhattan](#) (Midtown West)

4/09: Tempurpedic beds, cont. bkfst, biz ctr, workout room, clean and decent.

New York, [Marrakech Hotel](#) (Upper West Side)

4/09: Recommended by my travel-industry son. Not sure it's great for families.

New York, Paris, London, South of France, [New York Habitat](#)

4/09: Rent apts/condos while owners are away – NY, London, Paris, South France

New York, [Novotel](#), (52nd and Broadway)

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

New York, [The Pod Hotel](#), (Midtown East)

4/09: Very small but modern and priced right
New York, [Shelburne Murray Hill Hotel](#) (Midtown East)
4/09: Last spring break my family stayed here.
New York, [Hotel Wales](#) (Upper East Side)
4/09: Might be a tad pricey but it's a nice place, quiet neighborhood.
[rentalo.com](#)
9/06: A good resource for booking lodging.
World, [HomeAway.com](#)
6/12: Whenever we travel we find our places on vrbo.com or homeaway.com.
World, [Vacation Rentals by Owner \(VRBO\)](#)
6/12: Whenever we travel we find our places on vrbo.com or homeaway.com.

Housekeepers

Aguirre-Delao, Anna, 240-398-0392 (ask for husband Giovanni)
2/13: Passes the white-glove test. Limited English, but husband and daughter are fluent.
Alvarez, Eda, 240-388-1446
3/08: Multiple Indian Spring clients. Trustworthy. Excellent work reasonable cost
Amaya, Sarah, 301-9624155; 301-980-4119
12/08: Quiet, honest, totally reliable. Always did a great job.
Arevalo, Maria; Magic Cleaning, 301-237-1332
9/04: (2 recs) She is terrific
7/03: Reliable, thorough, pleasant. Charges by the size of the home
Cubillo, Hessel (pronounced "Hazel"), 301-300-4583
5/11: Trustworthy and skilled. A true gem. Speaks English. Has her own transportation.
Fuentes, Yessica, 240-620-6987
2/13: Honest and always reliable. She has worked for me for almost ten years
Holly, haharness@gmail.com
5/11: Great housecleaner. Native English speaker. Comfortable around pets.
Smart Set Corp., (you can contact Augusto Barreda) 703-856-5391
10/11: They've been cleaning my parents' house and doing a wonderful job.
[Your Pampered Home](#),
2/13: Efficient, reliable, and quick. I pay \$150 for a once-a-month cleaning

Insulation Subcontractors

[Accurate Insulation](#), 301-627-6506
12/11: I've used them for a couple of jobs. They were very reasonable.
[ProCoat Applications](#), 410-798-9060
12/11: Great job. They only do "closed cell," which is what you want for a basement.

Insurance Agents / Companies

[Amica Insurance](#),
3/11: Can't say enough good – for car and home. Less \$ than AAA for road service.
[Field, Roberta](#), 301-598-3895
3/10: Very helpful in getting reasonably priced policies for our family.
Snider, Mary (State Farm), 301-622-9440
1/10: Wonderful agent! State Farm has always been least expensive and very helpful.

Interior Decorators

Carley, lantha ([lantha Carley Interiors](#)), 202-285-2374

5/12: She helped us choose a paint color for our living room, and we really like it.

4/09: lantha Carley has lived in the neighborhood for years. She's wonderful!

Forconi, Lynn (Refinements), Ellicott City, 410-203-1760

4/09: Creative with space, great eye for color. Respectful of your budget.

Hanrahan, Kellie, 301-681-5425; 301-332-9906

4/09: She is excellent

Pizzola, Kristin, kpizzola@verizon.net, Indian Spring resident

12/12: Not a pro, but decorating is her passion. I now have the LR & DR I always wanted.

Weppler, Audrey (audreyweppler@gmail.com), 202-486-8016

4/09: Recommended, and she lives in the neighborhood.

Jewelers (see Jewelry Repair, next)

[Esterman Estate Jewelers](#), White Flint

1/06:

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

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

[John Greenan & Sons](#), 1314 Fenwick Lane 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

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

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

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

1/06:

Watch Pocket, Four Corners, 301-593-5824

1/06:

Jewelry Repair

[John Greenan & Sons](#), 1314 Fenwick Lane SS, 301-587-2717

1/12: They did a fabulous job on some antique jewelry.

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

3/12: I've taken my rings there to be polished. They design virtually all their jewelry.

Kennels

Bella, perkyb1@gmail.com

3/12: (As an alternative to kennels), my neighbor dog-sits in her home. My dog loves her.

[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:

[CleverDog](#), 2621 Garfield Ave., Silver Spring, 301-587-5820

3/12: I would second the recommendation.

[Comfy Pets](#) (boarding and in-home pet sitting), Kensington, 301-946-4508

3/12:

[The Dog Stay](#), 8122 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 240-491-5858

3/12: If your dog passes a behavior test, he gets to hang out in a lounge with other dogs.

[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

3/12:

8/05: Has been great for us

4/05: We have been very happy with them

Preston Country Club for Pets, Columbia, 301-596-7387

4/05: We have been very happy with them

[Rivermist Kennels](#), NH Ave, Brinklow (1 **Negative Review**)

3/12: A BAD experience. They didn't give our dog the medicine we pre-measured.

6/06: Dog did fine there, although came home with kennel cough once

4/05: Vet-recommended

Sandy Spring Kennels, Woodbine, 301-924-4457

4/05: Vet-recommended

Kitchen and Bath Remodeling (See also Contractors)

[Beautiful Baths and Kitchens](#), 301-881-2400

1/09: (no specific comment)

Boynton, Steve, 301-455-5801

1/09: Licensed contractor. Did a fabulous job on our kitchen, ahead of schedule.

[Bray & Scarff](#), various locations

11/12: SUPERB – did our kitchen and baths

Cabinet Discounters, Shady Grove, 301-258-7360

1/09: (no specific comment)

[Fairfax Marble & Granite](#), Chantilly and Fairfax

11/12: Wonderful, professional, friendly

[Fernando's Marble Shop](#), 15910 Indianola Dr., Rockville, 301-670-2794

8/06: They did a great job on our granite kitchen counter top

Sulc, Wayne (Primetime Services LLC), 301-461-8911

1/09: Specializes in kitchens and baths. A perfectionist with an eye for design.

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

1/09: Does all manner of home remodeling. His work is exceptional.

Young, Pepper, 301-503-1414

1/09: Extremely reliable and very trustworthy. Also very creative.

Knife Sharpeners (see also, Tool Sharpening)

[Strosniders](#),

1/11: They do a fine job. They'll also sharpen your push-mower blades.

Land Surveyors

[Gutschick, Little, & Weber](#), 301-421-4024

11/09: I have the highest regard for GLW. Ask for Tom O'Connor.

Landscaping (See also Lawns & Yard Work, or Drainage & Grading)

Abrahams Lawn Maintenance and Landscaping, 301-565-4069

4/06: Lots of "a la carte" services like leaf clean-up and gutter cleaning.

[Aspen Landscape](#), 301-384-4800

7/11: Resodded our back yard and put in a patio. Price was right.

[Backyard Bounty](#), 301-221-4931

6/12: If you are interested in doing anything edible or sustainable, I recommend this.

[Binghamton Land Design](#), Jim/Susy Finelli, 301 Indian Spring Dr., 301-587-4643; 240-876-3537

6/12: Jim helped us deal with irrigation issues and gave us a lovely landscaping design.

6/12: They just did our front yard and it looks great.

6/12: We've enjoyed working with Jim on several projects and annual maintenance.

7/11: (2 recs) Family owned business (in Indian Spring) does large and small projects.

3/06: (2 recs) They do beautiful work and tend to get very busy

4/05: Excellent neighborhood talent

11/04: Planted spruce tree in field near Hastings & Granville

Colby, Jim, (lives on E. Granville)

6/12: He is a landscaper and is very knowledgeable about plants.

[DM Grounds](#), 301-537-8301

6/12: We have been very satisfied. They take care of our yard. Design, masonry, pruning.

DeLeon, Paul, 301-379-1844

6/07: Not a professional landscaper, but does all our landscaping

[Farr, Laura](#), 301-588-8084

6/12: I've used her a couple of times. Her rates are very reasonable.

Glasser, Cynthia, 202-746-9828 (c); 202-652-1208 (h)

5/09: She's great, and will do your landscaping for you or help you do it.

[J&G Landscape Design](#),

6/12: They are far and away the best we have every worked with.

[Johnson's Landscaping](#), 301-740-8850

3/08: My friend was very pleased with the work. Reasonable prices.

[KART Landscape & Lawns](#)

5/09: They've been reliable and good. Solved our basement water problem.

Lucero Landscaping, 9417 Colesville Rd., 301-588-5865

5/06:

[Meadows Farms](#), Burtonsville & other locations (mixed reviews)

5/06: An excellent experience on a hardscaping job. Follow-up was great.

2/04: Inappropriate plantings for our amount of sun. Many plants didn't hold up.

Vasquez, Ronaldo (Land of Eternal Spring), 240-388-0743; 301-246-4935

7/11: He cut down and removed two large bushes.

4/11: He does design, planting & maintenance. Friendly. Good Work. Reasonably priced.

Velasquez, Fredy, 301-675-9041

7/11: Does lawn and yard work but also built us an outdoor deck and a retaining wall.

Lawns & Yard work (see also Tree Care)

Abbas, Peter, 301-946-8755; 240-529-9194

6/10: He took 35 bags of poison ivy and other vines from our yard. Prices are reasonable.

[Abrahams Lawn Service](#), 301-565-4069

12/10: We've been using them for many years and are very pleased with their services.

4/06: Lawn maintenance company offers fall leaf cleanup and gutter cleaning

Bob's Lawn Service, 301-622-1160

12/10: Bob's Lawn Service is great!

Chavez, Daniel, 301-412-3421

4/12: Reasonably priced, efficient, professional, and our yard looks great! Gutters too.

Chavez, Jose, 301-681-3338

12/10: He's been doing our lawn and yard for many years. Very good work. Reasonable.

8/08: Good work & prices for mowing, gutter cleaning, shrub removal/trimming

3/08: Excellent work, reasonable price

5/07: Cuts grass, does general yard work. Very nice job, reasonable prices

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

DM Grounds Maintenance (Douglas), 301-537-8301

9/09: Fine work and very reasonable. Helpers are fussy about details and quick.

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

Vasquez, Ronaldo, 240-388-0743

4/11: Does pruning, mulching, weeding, debris removal. Our go-to guy for yardwork.

We Care 4 Lawns Plus (Andy Slenkovich), iCANduWit@gmail.com, 240-501-6611

(An Indian Spring business. Andy has taken over from brother Lenny)

8/12: Andy did a marvelous job pruning a spiral juniper. A tricky task.

Lawnmower Repair (see also Small Engine Repair)

John's Lawnmower & Small Engine Repair, 6609 Poplar Ave., Takoma Park, 301-270-6938

7/12: The work is good, reasonable priced.

4/10: Neighbors and I have had good luck here.

Mr. Johnson, Rockville, 301-881-8370

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

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

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

7/12: Repaired our generator and two lawnmowers. You don't even need to be home.

4/10: Cheaper than Zimmerman's (Burtonsville) and got the mower running right.

4/10: He's good. Comes to your house, picks up the machine.

9/04: House call 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.

Strosniders,

1/11: They do a fine job sharpening knives. They also sharpen push-mower blades.

Limousines (see Taxicabs & Limos)

Locksmith

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

3/10: He changed/rekeyed all our exterior locks. Very helpful with security issues.

7/08: Talented and straightforward.

Sure-Fit Lock, 8213 Fenton St., SS, 301-654-5597 or 301-585-4595

4/10: I have used them many times. They are the best around.

4/10: We were very happy with them.

Wheaton Locksmith, 301-260-8100

11/10: Very quick, professional, and well-priced. Re-keyed 5 locks for about \$225.

8/10: We have used them several times and been satisfied with the service.

Manicures / Pedicures

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

6/08:

Fantasy Nails, Woodmoor Shopping Center (next to Starbucks), 301-681-2845

6/16: I stopped by to get their card, but the smell of disinfectant would keep me away.

4/11: I'd give it 4-5 stars. They're good and fast – not a long, luxury spa treatment.

4/11: They do try to upsell, but it was a great job and less expensive than I'm used to.

2/11: Had the best manicure/pedicure ever. Clean & professional, at a good price.

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.

Masonry

Creative Concrete, 2323 Stewart Ave., Silver Spring, 301-565-0246

3/12: The company was fair with pricing and professional.

HW Trout Masonry (Harry Trout), trout.masonry@gmail.com, 301-565-3518

3/12: Call him if you need a concrete guy.

Premier Masonry (James Leasher), 443-621-8554

5/11: I'd like to recommend James Leasher. He's done a lot of work in the neighborhood.

Massage Therapy

Greene, Sandy (Table to Table), 301-257-8004, 1greenes@msn.com

12/10: CMT & chef. Will come to your house, cook a gourmet meal, give you a massage.

Simon, Sally, 301-588-2352

12/10: She is a wonderful massage therapist and is close by on Hamilton.

Movers

Reputation Movers (Patrick Carr), 703-651-5971

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

U-Haul

8/10: Rent the truck yourself and sign up for the moving helpers. Great for local moves.

Music Instrument Rentals

Gailes' Violin, 10013 Rhode Island Ave., College Park, 301-474-4300

9/12: I teach cello and recommend renting from a string instrument shop. Gailes is good

Lashof Violins, 1-F East Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg, 301-330-2606

9/12: I teach cello and recommend renting from a string instrument shop. Lashof is good

Potters Violins, 4706 Highland Ave., Bethesda, 301-652-7070

9/12: We rented a cello at Potters.

9/12: I teach cello and recommend renting from a string instrument shop. Potters is good.

Music Teachers

American String Teachers Assn

9/12: You can search by city or town to find someone near you.

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

Cotterill, Sarah, 301-588-8983

9/11: Gentle, wise and passionate about music education.

3/10: She's an ISCA resident, and we couldn't be happier with her, for piano or cello.

Haas, Ingrid Cowan, ingridcowanhass@larkov.de, 301-982-9265

6/12: She is skilled at motivating students to practice. Teaches in your home.

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

9/08: They always have good guitar teachers

Stancill's Guitar Studio, 10535 Metropolitan Ave., Kensington, 301-942-1717

6/12: Scott Stancill teaches all ages and all types of guitars. I highly recommend him.

Tokic, Milka, 4206

3/10: We highly recommend her. Check the Rosemont Elem. School web page.

Webber, Bryan, 301-518-6982

12/08: For trumpet. My son is studying with him and likes him a lot.

Notary

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

8/06

Morris, Anne, 9416 Worth Ave., annemorris@myarbonne.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

Giuliani, Richard, 5530 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, 301-652-7372

1/11: He did a great job on my 9-year-old son.

Goldman, Leonard, 12510 Prosperity Dr., Silver Spring, 301-622-2700

11/11: He did extractions on both my kids for braces and wisdom teeth. No problems.

Sweeney, Terry, 10313 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-681-7500

11/11: He took care of my son's wisdom teeth.

11/11: He called in the evening of all procedures to see how we were doing. Top-rated.

1/11: I can't speak highly enough about him. Did surgeries on my husband and daughter.

1/08: (multiple recs) Great oral surgeon

Organizers

Anzia, Nicole ([Neatnik](#)), 202-320-4204

10/12: She does great work. She recently started writing a column for the Post.

[EasyPeasy Living](#) (Valerie Sheridan), 301-250-5045

2/13: Wow, what a difference. She has very reasonable rates.

Orthodontists

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

[Scott, Stuart](#), 804 Pershing Dr., SS, 301-589-8191

8/11: I used him for my children and was happy with the experience and the work.
[Washington Hospital Center, Orthodontics](#), 110 Irving St. NW, Washington DC
3/12: They were using up-to-date theories and techniques and it was pretty affordable.
8/11: Affordable and excellent.

Painters

Arauzo, Arturo, 301-949-7363

3/03: Using him for 15 years. Very good painter, diligent and hard-working.

Byrd, Robert, 301-384-1277 (o), 301-237-6050 (c), personaleffex@gmail.com

10/10: He and his wife did a great job painting the inside of our house. Reasonable price.

Espinoza & Sons Painting (Nelson Espinoza), 240-252-7982

6/09: They've done painting inside and outside our home and carpentry.

4/09: They've done int/ext painting and carpentry and we've always been pleased

Falwell, Gary, 240 350-4408

7/09: Highly recommended for interior painting. He might do a small exterior job

Feria, Hugo, (C) 240-370-0736; (H) 301-526-1321 or 301-760-0760

7/11: Very conscientious, reasonably priced. I highly recommend him. Speaks Spanish.

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

Guzman, Marco, 301-366-7789

7/11: He is wonderful.

7/11: He is fair and does great work.

Marco's Custom Painting, Marco Guzman (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.

Marroquin, Carlos, 301 933-8671

7/09: Reliable, efficient, hard working. 25 yrs exp int/ext jobs, plaster repair.

O'Mahoney, Ross, 571-229-0927

10/11: Hard-working, honest, thorough -- cheerfully trudging thru nightmarish prep work.

Quinn, Joe (Quinn Painting), 301-431-4282

9/12: I have recommended him several times.

Rall, Butch (Pride 'n Painting), 210 E Indian Spring Dr., 301-565-5334

6/09: He painted out house last year, and the crew was very good.

7/06: Many of us (in the neighborhood) have used him

10/05: Prices are reasonable; his people were prompt and neat.

3/03: We had a great experience

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, sagepaints@hotmail.com

11/12: He painted our exterior, was very careful about our plants and yardwork.

9/12: Most competitively priced, gave advice on color choices, does drywall and patching.

9/12: (Multiple recs) He really goes above and beyond in prep work.

9/12: Has done exterior and interior in my home. Honest, neat, reasonably priced.

8/12: Great attention to detail and continuous follow-up. Extremely courteous.

4/12: Did a great job on our metal roof that needed re-caulking and painting.

3/12: He is meticulous, neat, cheerful, considerate, fast, and reasonably priced.
3/12: The rooms look great. He was reasonably priced, efficient, hard-working, helpful.
2/12: Prompt, incredibly talented, reasonably priced. Fixes things you didn't expect.
1/12: Painted our living room, fixing dings and cracks. Good with color recommendation.
3/08: Great painter. Does interior & exterior, and faux and cabinetry painting.

Pest Control

[American Pest](#), 877-282-1886

4/11: They're great. \$40/month for routine service; everything else is free.

Benware Termite Control, Rockville, 301-871-1920

5/09: Top-rated for quality and price by Consumer Checkbook.

[Capitol Termite & Pest Control](#), Bethesda, 301-657-4480

5/09: We've been using them for 10 years and haven't had live termite activity.

Colonial Pest Control (Richard), 301-258-5228

5/09: They're extremely thorough, reasonable priced and love what they do.

[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, 301-603-8300

5/09: Family owned and operated local firm

6/05: (no specific comment)

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

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

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

[Terminix](#)

5/09: We have a service contract with them and we've been pleased.

6/05: (no specific comment)

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

Pet Sitters / Dog Walkers

Bella, perkyb1@gmail.com

3/12: (As an alternative to kennels), my neighbor dog-sits in her home. My dog loves her.

DeeDee's Dog Walking and Pet Sitting Services, iddr@msn.com, 301-922-1410

7/09: Excellent care and daily walks. Extremely dependable. Reasonable rates.

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

3/08: (no specific comment)

Bridget Stocker, comit89@aol.com

4/10: We have been thrilled with her service. She takes excellent care of our cats.

4/10: Superior in all aspects of your pet care needs, including tropical and exotic pets.

Wilbert, Cecilia, 301-587-0029; 301-335-7317

12/11: She does pet-sitting, plant watering, and child care. She's highly responsible.

8/08: She does house-sitting and pet-sitting

Pharmacies

[Big Mountain Drugs](#) (a Canadian pharmacy)

5/12: I used them once to fill an Rx that would have been obscenely expensive otherwise.

[Costco](#),

11/12: I sometimes use Costco instead of Safeway. Very good prices if you're a member.

[CVS](#) (Woodmoor), [Mixed Reviews](#)

11/12: I was given 85 pills for a 90-day prescription. No apologies when I called.

11/12: I stopped going here 10 years ago after an error – they fixed it, unapologetically.

11/12: I have been going here for 11 years and never had a problem with pill counts.

11/12: I like that the labels indicate what the pills inside should look like.

11/12: I have noticed that the last two refills ran out sooner than previous refills.

11/12: The pharmacist included someone else's prescription. Quickly resolved.

11/12: Two prescriptions were underfilled. We complained but were treated as liars.

[Giant](#), 8750 Arliss St., Silver Spring,

5/12: Using this for many years and very pleased with their service for the most part.

5/12: I've been happy with it. It is pretty quiet and very convenient.

[The Medicine Shoppe](#), 10313 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-681-5878

10/12: The Medicine Shoppe delivers. They have great service and are very nice.

[Safeway](#), 116 University Blvd., Silver Spring

11/12: We've always gotten great service.

5/12: The staff is very competent, always friendly. I've learned from their pharmacists.

5/12: I've been pretty well satisfied with this pharmacy.

[Target](#), 12000 Cherry Hill Rd., Silver Spring

11/12: You might find that their prescriptions are cheaper than CVS.

11/12: I have not had any problems here.

Photographers

[Curry, Meaghan](#),

9/11: The photos she took were wonderful, and the experience was great.

[O'Connor, Jeff](#), 301-379-8197

3/09: We have been very satisfied with his results.

[Peck, Danny](#), 719 Chesapeake Ave., SS, 301-587-1714

3/09: I have worked with him for commercial and portrait work. He is great.

[Solomon, Kira](#), kira@shopbabylarue.com

9/11: She did a family photo that was wonderful. She is very affordable.

[Smith, Amy Carmichael](#), Silver Spring, 703-568-6142

2/13: Still can't get over how good she made me look. She is wonderful to work with.

Physical Therapists

[Dilla, Charles](#), 11237 Lockwood Dr., Silver Spring, 301-681-6077

4/12: An old-fashioned, low-tech office, but he really worked for my ankle and back.

[Grossman, Robert](#) ([SP.OR.T.S.](#)), 2415 Musgrove Rd., SS

9/12: I saw him for two different issues and was impressed both times.

9/12: I also strongly recommend Robert Grossman.

9/12: I highly recommend Robert Grossman. (There is plenty of free parking.)

Metro Orthopedics and Sports Therapy ([MIXED REVIEWS](#)), Downtown SS

9/12: I had a bad experience with the folks at MOST.

9/12: Does have that "factory" feel, but I was happy with how they treated my son's injury.

[MZ Physical Therapy](#), 1445 Research Blvd., Rockville, 301-251-4424

8/12: Have provided me with outstanding service for many years.

10/11: My wife and I have had several very successful experiences with them.
Rubio, Sandra (Ashton Rehabilitation Clinic), 962 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, 301-744-8758
11/11: We went to her years ago. She was great.

Physicians (See also Physician 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

1/07: (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.

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

[Ginsberg, Robert](#), (**new location**) 3905 National Dr., Burtonsville, 240-389-1192

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

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

Goodman, Jason; 11161 New Hampshire Ave., SS (White Oak), 301-593-6620

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

Jaffe, Gabriel ([Metropolitan Medical Specialists](#)), (**new location**) 8116 Good Luck Rd., Lanham

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

[Johns Hopkins Community Physicians](#), Bethesda

9/12: We have been seeing Mary Callsen and Bradley Walkins and been very pleased.

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 Silver Spring, 301-681-8000 or (301) 681-3667

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:

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

1/04: I've had good experience. Her group takes Cigna.

[Potomac Physician Associates](#), Kensington, Bethesda, Germantown

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

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

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

2/05: Highly regarded family doctor

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

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 – After-Hours or Walk-in Clinics

[The Doctors Next Door](#), 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS

1/13: A wonderful experience, and not expensive. Dr. Mario Majette was excellent.

1/13: I registered before going. Had labs done, saw the doctor – it all took about an hour.
[Fast Track Urgent Care](#), 10540 Connecticut Ave., Kensington

1/13: I use this place all the time. They honor most insurance co-pays.

Gray, Kerri & Michael (walk-in family practice), 4314 Montgomery Ave., Bethesda, 301-951-3606

1/13: They are our primary care physicians. We never have to wait very long.

1/13: If you're willing to go to Bethesda, I've loved Drs. Kerri & Michael Gray.

[Holy Cross Health Center](#) (for the uninsured), 10400 Detrick Ave., Kensington, 240-773-9000

6/10: Amazingly fast. If you have something serious, they send you to the ER.

[Minute Clinic](#),

1/13: I used the one on Wisconsin Avenue, got a nice nurse practitioner.

6/10: We used the one in the CVS on Layhill Road, and the one in Bethesda was fine.

6/10: I had a great experience at the CVS minute clinic in Bethesda on Wisconsin Ave.

[Patient First](#), 3357 B Corridor Marketplace, Laurel, 301-497-1820

3/10: Full-service walk-in clinic, 8am-10pm, 365 days. I've been going for years.

[Righttime Medical Care](#), 12220 Rockville Pike, 888-808-6483

3/10: They're open 11 am to 12 midnight every day of the year.

Physicians – Allergy

[Allergy & Asthma Care Centers](#), 2730 University Blvd. West, Wheaton

10/11: Nice staff, though the doctors keep changing.

Scarupa, Mark, [Institute for Allergy & Asthma](#), Wheaton & Chevy Chase, 301-962-5800

10/11: (no additional comment)

6/10: My daughter and I use Mark Scarupa.

3/08: Dr. Marc Scarupa is great.

Shier, Jerry, Silver Spring, 301-681-6055

8/09: I love his manner with patients. Calm, very organized, open to questions.

Physicians – Alternative Medicine

[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:

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

Thomas, Kathleen (Acupuncture), Long Branch Parkway, 301-434-9595

7/11: She's wonderful – has helped me and my family with various conditions.

6/10: I have been relieved of troubling, long-lasting orthopaedic pain

Physicians – Chiropractic and similar

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

5/11: My husband was pleased with the results, and they take our insurance.

5/11: She's great and has kept my sciatica in check for a long time.

3/10: She has given me relief in my hip from a rotated pelvic bone.
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.
Goldman, Gary, 9801 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-593-1199
5/11: He is amazing.
[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), 8701 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-495-7727 **NEW LOCATION**
2/11: He used to be in Bethesda but he moved to Silver Spring.
1/08: Osteopathic manipulation, highly recommended for children & adults
[Zinn Chiropractic](#) (JoAnn Zinn), 7000 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, 301-853-6074
5/11: She is wonderful – gifted – a real healer.

Physicians – Dermatology

Canning, Susan, 3925 Ferrara Dr., Silver Spring, 301-933-1547
2/08:
Cole, Amy ([DermAssociates](#)), 10313 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-681-7000
12/09: She is really good. Is in Dr. Lockshin's practice but you can get in with her faster.
Ehrlich, Alison, 6410 Rockledge Dr., Bethesda, 301-530-8300
2/08:
Gerson, Emily Porter (Tamjidi Skin Institute), 5454 Wisconsin Ave., Ch Ch., 301-652-828
12/09: Delightful, very competent, good with kids. Returns calls. Accepts Aetna PPO.
Katz, Matthew & Robert, 11510 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, 301-881-4124
10/11: He is great.
10/11: They accept Aetna PPO. He's a good guy . Great office personnel.
2/08:
Lee, Joseph, Bethesda/Chevy Chase, 301-530-8300
10/11: (no additional comment)
10/09: We've used Dr. Lee.
Lindgren, Ann, 6410 Rockledge Dr. Bethesda, 301-530-4800
2/08:
Lockshin, Norman ([DermAssociates](#)), 10313 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-681-7000
12/09: We have used Dr. Lockshin for years and been very pleased.
10/08: I saw him years ago and did not care for his gruff manner.
2/08:
Montemarano, Andy, 6410 Rockledge Dr., Bethesda, 301-564-3131
2/08
[Margaret O'Neill](#), 5454 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, 301-951-7905
12/09: She is excellent. Very kid-friendly as well.
Sau, Purnima, 8630 Fenton St., SS, 301-565-3699
12/09: She handled our problem quickly and effectively, and could see us immediately.
10/08: A small, one-doctor office. Not particularly warm but very proficient
2/08:

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

8/09: I really like him – very responsive to questions. Takes Aetna.

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

Bosworth, John, 15235 Shady Grove Rd., Rockville

3/08:

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

5/11: My husband has used and recommended Dr. Feldman many times. Very good.

1/11: I am happy with the Feldman Group. We saw Dr. Natalie Earl.

1/11: I am also happy with the Feldman Group. I have seen Dr. Earl and others there.

8/09: I highly recommended Dr. Feldman and his practice.

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

Milmoe, Gregory, Georgetown Univ. Hosp.

8/09: The best!

Oringher, Seth, Chevy Chase, Bethesda, DC, Germantown

8/09: The Feldman practice is great. I've used Drs. Oringher and Schoenfeld.

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 – Gastroenterology

Finkel, Robert, 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS, 301-593-2002

12/08: After years of me being sick, he was able to determine my illness quickly.

Koch, Milton, 10800 Lockwood Dr., SS, 301-593-2002

12/08: He is outstanding.

Physicians – Internal Medicine / Family Practice

Asher, Jeanne, 3720 Farragut Ave., Kensington, 301-949-4242

1/12: For a female internist, we highly recommend Dr. Asher in Dr. Rosenbaum's practice

Associates in Family Practice, 12520 Prosperity Dr., SS, 301-622-6020

4/10: Their practice is fantastic – very thorough. I see Dr. Victoria Wilson

4/10: A very well run and knowledgeable practice.

Bisk, Penny, 10301 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-754-1950

4/10: She is good.

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

2/08:

Ginsburg, Robert, 3905 National Dr., SS, 240-389-1192

11/11: I like Dr. Ginsburg, and it's just a 15-minute car ride.

4/10: The best. Very smart, listens, spends time with you. Open to alternatives.
Glenn, Brian, 12520 Prosperity Dr., SS, 301-622-6020
3/09: We are all very satisfied.
Henkin, Daphna, 2309 Shorefield, Wheaton, 301-933-5050
2/08:
Hwang, Erica, 8120 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, 301-656-4010
4/10: Well worth going the extra mile. Extremely competent and caring.
Kavalier, Morton, 5454 Wisconsin Ave., Ch. Ch., 301-656-9070
2/08:
Marshall, Angela [Comprehensive Women's Health](#), SS, 301-754-2222
3/09: I can't recall the last time I was this pleased with a doctor's practice.
3/08: I liked her and her physician's assistant. Accepts Aetna.
4/08: Health-oriented practice; welcome patients who are proactive about health
Mitchell, Brenda, 912 Thayer Ave., SS, 301-495-9090
3/09: My friends think she's great. She specializes in people in their 40s and up.
Nathan, Aruna, 10901 Connecticut Ave., Kensington, 301-942-7900
3/09: I've been pleased with the amount of time she spends with me. (Aetna PPO)
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:
Vinitsky, Alan, 301-840-0002
Wiseman, Jon, 5410 Connecticut 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.
Margolis, Richard (Capital Women's Care), Bethesda and Rockville
4/12: Excellent (as part of my breast cancer team)
Marshall, Angela ([Comprehensive Women's Health](#)), SS, 301-754-2222
Note: Gyn. but not Ob. (more Internal Medicine)
9/12: My daughter has started going, too. We like Angela and PA Christina Neal equally.
9/12: She was very thorough on my first health assessment with her.
9/12: She also does well-woman exams. She has two competent physicians assistants.
4/08: Health-oriented practice; welcome patients who are proactive about health.
3/08: I liked her and her physician's assistant. Accepts Aetna.

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 – Oncology

Hendricks, Carolyn (Center for Breast Health), 6410 Rockledge Dr., Rockville, 301-897-1503
4/12: Excellent (as part of my breast cancer team)

Physicians – Orthopedics / 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.
[Douoguih, Wiemi](#), Washington Hospital Center, 202-291-9266
7/10: He did my husband's shoulder surgery. We were very happy with the outcome.
[Gilbert, James](#), 8401 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-588-7888 (also in Germantown) (**Mixed reviews**)
8/12: Our experience was less than stellar. We left to take our daughter to another doc.
8/12: He has treated my marathon running issues very well for over 10 years.
8/12: I've seen him twice – for wrist and ankles. He knows what he's doing.
Guterman, Irvin ([Greater Washington Orthopaedic Group](#)), 1400 Forest Glen Rd., SS
8/12: Both my husband and I have seen him. Very good experience.
Haas, Stephen; Grossman, Robert, 5454 Wisc. Ave, ChCh, 301-657-1996
11/12: He did a bang up job on my ACL/meniscus surgery many moons ago.
1/04: Sports medicine. Either is fantastic.
Kessous, Eran ([Montgomery Sports Medicine Center](#)), 11120 New Hampshire Ave., SS
8/12: He is thorough – even found something on the MRI that the original doc missed.
Lavine, Peter, 1145 19th St., NW. Wash. DC, 202-223-8600 (may have an office in Maryland)
10/11: Works with the Wash. Ballet. Has helped me through three sports injuries
Love, Dexter, ([Orthopedic Surgeons of Montgomery County](#)), 8830 Cameron St., SS
8/12: Good bedside manner.
Magee & Michaels Orthopaedic, 8830 Cameron Ct., SS, 301-565-3301
3/11: Dr. Magee no longer takes United Health Care insurance. Dr. Alam there does.
3/11: My husband had very successful disc and wrist surgeries done by Dr. Michaels.
3/11: I have used Dr. Magee twice and would definitely recommend him.
3/11: I like Dr. Magee, who I have been to a number of times.
3/11: Love Dr. Magee!

1/11: My husband, my mother, and I have all been to him and like him very much.
7/10: I can't speak highly enough about Christopher Magee. He did my shoulder surgery.
5/09: Highly recommended. My kids and I have seen Dr. Magee several times.

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

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

[Orthopaedic Center](#), 9420 Key West Ave., Rockville, 301-251-1433

7/10: The hand surgeon saw damage on the x-ray that the ER doc missed.

Plotkin, David, 18111 Prince Philip Dr., Olney, 301-570-7633

7/10: He is a GP with a specialization in sports medicine

Smink, David ([Greater Wash. Orthopaedic Group](#)), 1400 Forest Glen Rd., SS

10/11: A great knee and shoulder guy.

Alam, Zohair, ([Orthopedic Surgeons of Montgomery County](#)), 8830 Cameron St., SS

8/12: I found him thorough with a good bedside manner.

8/12: He did a great job replacing both my knees. An excellent surgeon.

8/12: He was good on my wrist issue. I felt rushed when I went for a shoulder problem.

Physicians – Pediatrics

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

2/09: My kids would not be who they are today without his care and skills.

2/05: (no specific comment)

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

3/08: Excellent

Kadowitz, Nancy ([Capitol Medical Group](#)), Chevy Chase, 301-907-3960

2/09: The entire practice is wonderful. The doctors take time with my daughter.

2/09: I second that recommendation. But they are very busy.

[Pediatric and Adolescent Care of Silver Spring](#), 12501 Prosperity Dr., SS, 301-681-6730

4/12: I strongly recommend this practice

1/11: We couldn't be happier with them.

2/09: (3 recommendations for Dr. Feldman and the entire practice.)

Physicians – Podiatry

Lieberman, Gary, 10101 Lorain Ave. (on University across from Safeway), SS, 301-681-8400

12/11: He has done good work for our needs.

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

Physicians – Rheumatology

Matsumoto, Alan ([Arthritis and Rheumatism Assocs](#)), Wheaton & other offices, 301-942-7600

4/12: I like him. I've heard good things about all the docs.

Physicians – Surgery

Sandler, Glenn ([Advanced Surgery PC](#)), 9707 Medical Center Dr., Rockville
4/12: Excellent (as part of my breast cancer team).

Piano Teachers (see Music Teachers)

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:

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:

Picture Frames (see Framing)

Plumbers

[Benjamin Franklin Plumbing](#)

8/12: Performed a "sewer burst" for problems with our sewer line. We are happy with it.

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

Burkett, James, in Indian Spring, 301-384-7611; 301-237-7510 (cell)

10/12: He is replacing our original galvanized pipes. Outstanding in all aspects.

10/12: He repaired our leaking plumbing and leaking chimney.

10/12: He turned our laundry room and adjoining area into a full bath-laundry room.

7/12: Fantastic work remodeling our two existing bathrooms and adding a half bath.

6/12: He is a licensed master plumber. I can vouch for his decency and skill.

2/12: He rescued us on a Friday when a pipe broke and ruined our basement bathroom.

2/12: He just refinished a second bathroom for us

10/11: Almost infallible in his ability to diagnose and correct problems. Timely, courteous.

7/11: Did a fantastic job gutting and redoing our bathroom after flooding.

4/11: He replaced our entire plumbing system. Inside walls were repaired perfectly.

4/11: He did a superior job at my parents' house. Professional in all aspects.

4/11: A master plumber, and his fee is really decent. He phoned before arriving.

2/10: He fixed our furnace quickly, on a Sunday morning. Great guy.

1/07:

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

3/11: He's thorough and I think his rates are reasonable. He's done work for me twice.

11/10: Charlie came on time and did a nice job.

8/10: Answered his phone on Sunday morning, from out of town, and coached a quick fix.

8/10: He was prompt, nice, professional, patient, and fair. Came in the 2010 snow storm.

2/10: He's good.

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

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

Charles Cook & Sons, 301-258-5121

10/05: (no specific comment)

Chuck the Plumber, 301-774-1452

3/10: We unconditionally recommend them -- have used them for over 20 years.

Coleman Plumbing, Silver Spring, 301-585-2352

12/06: (no specific comment)

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

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

10/05: Do not use!

Durance Plumbing (Kirk), 301-270-6663, kirk@duranceplumbing.com

10/12: (no additional comment with recommendation)

8/10: The only plumber we call. He is very honest and effective.

8/10: Very responsive. My problem was embarrassingly simple, and he refused payment.

6/10: Very reasonable, honest and always timely. Seriously fantastic.

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

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

1/07: He was great.

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

Harper, W.L. and Sons, Silver Spring, 301- 565-2322

2/10: They're great.

1/09: We love them. They try to come out for emergencies. Reasonable priced.

1/07: I was pleased with the services

12/06: Reasonably priced and dependable.

12/06: We have been using Harper for years

1/05: We always use them.

Herr & Son, Riverdale, 301-459-4774

3/09: Reasonable price and Mike's work is guaranteed for a year. He's a specialist.

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

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

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

Jeeves (DO NOT USE)

10/05: Do not use!

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

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

10/05:

Kelly, Joe, 240-441-8348

8/11: Good plumber

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

2/10: Try Master Plumbing. They're a small local outfit.

1/07: They seem reasonable

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

12/06: Joe Maier or Billy Silk

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

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

1/05: They have come on a moment's notice and have been reasonably priced

Michael & Son, DO NOT USE

6/10: I would not recommend them. Waaaaay overpriced.

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

10/05:

Oreb, Dragi, 301-297-9330

11/10: We used him for several projects around the house. He knows his stuff

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

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

Quesenberry, Jim, 240-447-2708

6/12: (Recommended for emergency plumbing work.)

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

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

Tomas, Edmund, DO NOT USE

11/12: Many plumbing issues, including a flood caused by a poor connection

Uneeda Plumbing, 301-946-6331

10/09: A local outfit (two people). Very reasonable, competent, clean, and likable.

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.

Power Washing

Arevalo, David, 301-379-2430

4/12:

[See Dirt Run](#), 301-540-1243

4/12: Ask for Rod.

Produce Delivery

[South Mountain Veggies](#),

6/11: A bargain if you like fresh, healthy, and well-grown vegetables and fruit.

Real Estate Agents

[2 Sisters](#),

11/12: We purchased our house from them and are now having them sell it.

11/12: They did a fantastic job getting our house ready. Made the whole process easy.

[Richards, Kyle](#) (Coldwell Banker), 7272 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, 301-718-0010

4/12: An excellent agent. She is dependable, professional, hard-working, friendly & kind.

Remodeling (see Contractors/Remodelers)

Restaurants (next, see Restaurants, Asian – including Indian)

[8407 Kitchen & Bar](#), 8407 Ramsey Ave., SS, 301-587-8407

7/12: The do gluten-free.

7/12: It's not as great as it was, but it's well worth it.

7/12: Loved it! The charcuterie plate, the fries and the curry seafood were unbelievable.

7/12: Rather expensive for what you get. Food was not memorable.

7/12: Very good food, very good service. Yes it's a little pricey. Pastry chef is fantastic.

7/12: Pricy but not too expensive. Excellent lamb Bolognese, but lack of veggie options.

7/12: Been there a few times, enjoyed it thoroughly. Worth the expense, in my opinion.

6/10: Great food and bar upstairs. Pilsner Urquell on tap

4/10: Very, very good. The space is also very interesting. This is the chef from Nicaro.

4/10: Lunch was incredible...not just the food, but the décor... simple, yet chic.

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

2/11: We like this for Ethiopian.

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.

[Big Greek Cafe](#), 8223 Georgia Ave., SS

1/12: Makes a fine gyro.

9/09: I definitely recommend it.

7/09: Counter service, outstanding food, great prices. Best falafel I've ever had.

[Black Market Bistro](#), 4600 Waverly Ave., Garrett Park

6/10: Awesome brunch menu. Nice but not fussy. Nice bar inside seating outside.
[Blair Mansion Inn](#), 7711 Eastern Ave., SS
1/08: Majestic interior. Food is of highest quality, not inordinately expensive
[Christina Ristorante Italiano](#), 2666 University Blvd. West, SS, 301-942-4137
8/10: We love Christina's. Great place ... nice people.
Colorado Kitchen, 5515 Colorado Ave, DC (limited hours), 202-545-8280
10/05: This place has Jackie's beat in the food department.
[Crispy & Juicy](#), 1314 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring
2/12: Unbeatable in taste and cost. Don't be fooled by the ambiance.
Cubano (Cuban), 1201 Fidler Lane, SS, 301-563-4020
10/05:
10/01: Very good
[DaMarco's Ristorante Italiano](#), 8662 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring
9/09: Offers a great dinner as well as lunch.
[Eggspectations](#) (for brunch), 923 Ellsworth Dr., Silver Spring
6/08: They make fabulous coffees, and their breakfast crepes are lovely.
[El Golfo](#) (Salvadoran), 8739 Flower Ave, SS, 301-608-2122
1/12: They serve really tasty food.
10/10: We tried the brunch. Food was great – Latin fare and pancakes, etc.
3/08: Excellent, very reasonable
10/05: Wonderful.
[Elevation Burger](#), Wheaton Mall
10/12: I LOVE this place.
[Fajita Coast](#), 1115 East-West Hwy., SS, 301-593-0013
3/12: They've moved from Four Corners. Same delicious food and friendly service.
Fenton Café, 8311 Fenton St., Silver Spring, 301-244-5587
5/12: Coffee drinks and the best crepes I have ever had. Service is very friendly.
[Fresh Greek Grill](#), 25 W. University Blvd. (Four Corners), 301-681-0070
4/12: The gyro was very good, but a little messy. The fries were also great.
1/12: Try their gyros. They're wonderful.
[Golden Flame](#), 8630 Fenton St., SS
8/06: (2 recs) Food was out of this world and the staff incredibly gracious.
[Hunan Manor](#), 11237 New Hampshire Ave., SS, 301-681-5360
8/11: A favorite of ours, especially the veggie dishes that are made to taste like chicken.
8/11: (multiple "second" recommendations.)
[Jackie's](#) (American), SS
4/11: Relatively new, talented young chef here. I loved my meal a few weeks ago.
10/05: Fun. Mostly good, imaginative food; heavy on the salt, a bit overpriced
[Jaleo](#) (Tapas), 7271 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda (also in DC and Arlington)
6/10: Great Spanish tapas - wines - beers - fun - Gazpacho rocks.
[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.
Kenny's Peruvian Chicken, 10118 Colesville Rd., SS (Four Corners), 301-593-1578
2/12: It's the closest [pollo place] and we think the chicken is better than sabrosos
[La Malinche](#) (tapas), 8622 Colesville Rd. (across from the AFI)
12/12: Both the tapas and the sangria were delicious and generous.
Langano Ethiopian Restaurant, 8305 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-563-6700

9/09: The best Ethiopian around.
[Lebanese Taverna](#), SS and elsewhere
10/05: They have the BEST hummus!

[Levante's](#) (Mediterranean), Bethesda & Dupont Circle
10/05: Excellent

Mi Rancho, 8701 Ramsey Ave., SS, 301-588-4872
10/05: I'm always in favor of going there than Austin Grill

[Moby Dick House of Kabob](#), 909 Ellsworth Dr., Silver Spring,
4/12: You can't go wrong with this place for kebabs.

[Mocha Hut](#) (coffee house), DC & Bethesda
10/05: Funky hangout. Excellent cappuccino, 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.

[Nova Europa](#), 1311 Lambertson Dr., SS
10/05: We've been going for 25 yrs. Food & service excellent, prices reasonable.

[Olazzo](#) (Italian), 8235 Ga. Ave., SS (also in Bethesda)
2/11: We've been twice recently, and the food was delicious and fresh
8/10: We really enjoy this restaurant.

[Pacci's Neapolitan Pizza](#), 8113 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-588-1011
2/11: Pacci's is a good choice.
8/10: Great Neapolitan-style pizza that is the closest I've had to the real thing.
5/10: The pizza is excellent. The space is airy and appealing.
5/10: Authentic Italian pizza. Wine selection is good and reasonably priced.
5/10: What a great place!! Wonderful food and service.

[Piratz Tavern](#), 8402 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-588-9001
9/09: VERY fun, with or without kids. Food quality is consistent.

Pollo Loco (Peruvian chicken), corner of Piney Branch and Flower
2/12: We enjoyed the food very much.
2/12: This is indeed very good.
2/12: My Peruvian neighbor toes to this one.

[Post Office Tavern](#), **CLOSED** 6 Post Office Rd., SS, 301-562-8787
8/09: Best pie ever! At the General Store (Forest Glen Rd & Capital View Ave)

[Quarry House](#) (burgers), Georgia & Bonifant, SS, 301-587-9406
5/10: I love this place, but it's pretty cramped, loud, and not good for kids.
5/10: A very special place.
5/10: A good place for beer. They have some very good music.
5/10: Food and service was better before Jackie's bought it.
5/10: Great service, too. But get there early – it gets crowded.
5/10: Great place. Burgers and homemade chips, yum. Great beer selection.
10/05: My fave. Terrific hamburgers.

[Ray's the Classics](#), 8606 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, 301-588-7297
4/11: We sat in the bar area, had an absolutely delicious meal
2/11: Great, inexpensive burgers. The bar serves specials you can't get in the main room.

[Roscoe's Pizzeria](#), 7040 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park
6/10: Great brick oven pizza. Anchovy pizza and beet salad is hard to beat.

[Royal Mile Pub](#), 2407 Price Ave., Wheaton
6/08: I've always liked the brunch there. A reservation during peak times is a good idea.

[Sardi's](#) (Peruvian chicken), 10433 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville

2/12: The best. They have a much more extensive menu than most pollo places.
[Sasso](#) (tapas), 4866 Cordell Ave., Bethesda
8/09: Wonderful tapas restaurant with nearby parking. Pesto/garlic aioli to die for!
Sergio's (Italian), 8727 Colesville Rd, SS (in the Hilton), 301-585-1040
2/11: We love Sergio's!
8/10: We like it there very much.
8/10: Homemade pasta, zuppa di mare, and tiramisu are our favorites.
10/05: (2 recs) We love Sergio's.
[Stage Burger Lounge](#), 8624 Colesville Rd., 301-588-0049
10/12: Pretty good, but not the best burger I every had.
4/12: Very good burgers and fries, but no one else was there on a Friday night
4/12: Pretty good, worth a try.
Taste of Jerusalem (Middle Eastern), 8123 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, 301-495-3067
2/08: Lunch was fabulous
Vicino's (Italian), 959 Sligo Ave, Silver Spring, 301-588-3372 (mixed reviews)
10/05: Excellent.
10/05: I'm Italian, and the one time I went there it was very disappointing.

Restaurants, Asian (includes SE Asia – India, etc.)

Aji-Nippon (sushi), 6937 Arlington Rd, Bethesda, 301-654-0213
[Asian Bistro](#), 8537 Georgia Ave., SS
8/11: We like this place.
10/05: (no specific comment)
Bacchus (Japanese), 7945 Norfolk Ave., Bethesda, 301-657-1722
[Chin Lee](#) (Chinese), 1331 Lambertson Dr. (Kemp Mill), 301-649-5466
3/12: Try this place for delivery. Huge portions.
Full Key (Cantonese), 2227 University Blvd., Wheaton, 301-933-8388
8/11: The most authentic Hong Kong style in the area.
8/11: We love Full Key. It's been a Washingtonian best bargain restaurant several years.
3/10: Hong Kong style Chinese at its BEST! (Our HK friends introduced us to it)
[Ghar-E-Kabab](#) (Indian, Nepali), 944 Wayne Ave, SS, 301-587-4427
4/12: You can't go wrong here for kebabs.
8/11: Delicious Indian and Nepali food.
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 House/Garden House](#), 8200 Georgia Ave., SS
8/12: I second this recommendation. Awesome vegetarian options.
8/12: We always order from Golden House and have never been disappointed.
[Hinode](#) (sushi/Japanese), Rockville & Bethesda
5/10: My daughter likes the sushi there.
5/10: All you can eat sushi for \$20 on Friday nights. Good selection and fresh.
[Hollywood East](#), 11160 Viers Mill Rd., Wheaton, 240-290-9988 (Reopened Apr 2010)
3/10: We liked Hollywood East, especially shrimp with XO sauce.
Jewel of India, 10151 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring (White Oak), 301-408-2200
11/11: Terrific lunch buffet, both vegetarian and meat entrees, and yummy rice pudding.
11/11: I also enjoyed the lunch buffet here. Going after the lunch crowd really helps.

Kam Fong, 2400 University Blvd. West, Wheaton, 301-933-6388

3/10: This new restaurant is really good.

[Kao Thai](#), 8650 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-495-1234

10/12: It is terrific.

5/12: We like them also. They have a 1.8 mile delivery range.

5/12: Amazing, yummy food. (Recommended for Thai food delivery.)

3/12: They deliver and are extremely delicious. Go for the Dragon Noodles.

8/11: This new place is very good.

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

3/08: Outstanding food.

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

[Masa Hibachi Steakhouse and Sushi Bar](#), 921 Ellsworth Dr., SS, 301-608-8989

12/12: The sushi is very fresh, with generous portions. They understand good service.

12/12: Service was wonderful and the hibachi food was great. Reserve a hibachi table.

11/12: Awesome. The sushi bar, at least.

11/12: We liked it. Very happy with both the food and the cooking entertainment.

6/12: My wife and I really like the sushi here (where Ceviche used to be). Awesome.

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

5/10: My favorite for sushi.

[Moby Dick Sushi](#) (Japanese, sushi), 11220 Triangle La, Wheaton, 301-949-3910

6/12: We love Moby Dick.

5/12: Our go-to sushi place. High quality and great service.

4/12: They added another chef on weekends so the wait is not so long.

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

Montgomery Mall Sushi Bar

6/12: If you happen to be shopping, the sushi bar in the food court is quite good.

[Nava Thai](#), 11301 Fern St, Wheaton, 240-430-0495

8/11: We recommend this for Thai food.

3/10: Good Thai food.

1/09: New location. Menu is expanded and the food is still sensational.

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

8/11: Great for dim sum.

3/10: We like this for dim sum on the weekends.

3/10: We received lousy treatment and mediocre food.

3/10: All my Asian friends and family really like O-East.

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

[Panda Wok](#), 2444 Ennalls Ave., SS 301-933-8599

8/12: I was pretty impressed. Food arrived HOT. The best Chinese I've had in DC.

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

10/05: Fantastic

[Planet Bollywood](#), 8622 Colesville Rd.

5/10: Had a great meal (the lamb was especially tender).

5/10: A welcoming and delicious customer experience.

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

6/12: I vote for Raku, Bethesda.

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

Red Maple (Asian/sushi), 10110 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-593-5088

1/13: Prompt service, sushi was great, generous portions, and inexpensive.

11/12: We thought our dishes were just right. The spice is not too wimpy or too much.

10/12: The food was delicious, and the sake was served at the proper temperature.
10/12: General Tso's was very good, curry lamb was pretty spicy, satay was mild.
10/12: The service was attentive, the food was tasty, and the prices were reasonable.
10/12: We got carryout which was very good.
10/12: The sushi regular was excellent. Beef teriyaki in the binto box was tough.
10/12: Our service was fine, but the Thai dish didn't have the right spices.
10/12: Well presented, but the food wasn't as flavorful as it should have been.
10/12: Better than anything we have found here or in the District. Brown rice available.

[Ruan Thai](#) (Thai), 11407 Amherst Rd., Wheaton

8/11: Excellent. My husband loved the pork. Awesome red curry with tofu.

[Silver Spring Thai Flavor](#), 8650 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-495-1234

3/10: Fantastic. The food is very, very good and fresh.

[Skew Works](#), 930 Wayne Ave., SS, 301-326-1445/1443

11/11: Tasty Malaysian food. I like the white coffee too. The owners are super nice.

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

8/12: We have always been happy with their food and service.

8/12: We ordered for delivery and thought it was terrible.

8/11: We recommend this restaurant for Chinese food (can't say about the sushi).

3/10: Continues to have the best Chinese delivery in the area. I've loved everything.

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

Sushi Jin, 8555 Fenton Ave., SS, 301-608-0900 **[CLOSED DUE TO FIRE]**

9/09: Fresh food (more than sushi), not overpriced. Good service.

7/09: Good sushi restaurant. The sushi is really fresh!

1/07: Quite excellent.

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

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

6/12: We go there at least once a month. It's some of the best we've had.

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

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

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

10/05: (no specific comment)

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

10/05: Take-out is best option

Whole Foods (sushi takeout)

[Woodlands](#), 8046 New Hampshire (Langley Park),

1/12: This vegetarian restaurant is fantastic.

[Woomi Garden](#) (Korean & Japanese & sushi), 2423 Hickerson Dr., Wheaton, 301-933-0100

6/12: We recommend this for sushi. They have both Japanese and Korean fare.

2/11: We like the Korean food here.

Roofers

American Home Crafts, 301-924-1424

4/10: The best of four estimates for a new roof. Very thorough, easy to work with.

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,

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.

Fletcher, William (Fletcher's Roofing), 1612 Noyes Dr., SS, 301-565-0212

1/10: They do good work.

12/08: For slate roof repair. We have used them with very good experiences.

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

9/12: Saved us thousands of dollars to repair (rather than replace) our slate roof.

9/12: We have a slate roof and found these folks most helpful and very cost-effective.

8/12: We have been pleased with Jack's roofing.

8/11: I highly recommend.

4/10: I am a general contractor and always use Jack's.

4/10: Great.

1/10: We have been pleased with their service.

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

Kellyco Contracting (Dave Kelly), 4811 Tallahassee Ave., Rockville, 301-942-6288

4/10: Gave us an estimate to fix some leaks and did the work before leaving.

Marshall's Roofing and Guttering, 301-946-4545

11/11: Extremely neat, honest in their estimates, completely trustworthy. Small fam. biz.

11/11: Gutter overhaul & roof repair. Nice, prompt, knowledgeable, comparable pricing.

4/10: Extremely honest & straightforward. 100% rating by Washington Checkbook.

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

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

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

[On Top Home Improvement](#), 301-368-3551

4/10: Did our entire roof, including removing 3 old layers, for under \$4,000.

4/10: We used them several months ago and were very satisfied.

4/10: We were happy with them a few years ago.

11/06: We had a good experience.

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

(for flat balcony roofs)

[Reliable Roofers](#), (Joe D'Urso, roof consultant), 240-456-0200

7/10: We've used them for two different properties and been happy with their service.

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.

[Roof Solutions](#), 301-565-2600

11/10: They did some repairs, were prompt and professional. Less than other estimates.

[S&K Roofing, Siding, Windows](#), 800-396-7404

4/10: They do good work.

[Wagner Roofing](#)

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

Seamstress (see Tailors and Seamstresses)

Security Systems (see Home Security)

Sewing Lessons

Clark, Barbara ([The Stitchuation Room](#)), bellbarb@yahoo.com, 240-988-9572

11/12: (Recommended as someone who gives sewing lessons for children.)

Sewing Machine Repair

[Brothers Sew & Vac](#), 10153 New Hampshire Avenue

9/09: They cleaned up my very old (25-year) Singer.

Shoe Repair

Joe's, 1335 Holton Lane, Takoma Park, 301-439-6867 **PHONE NO LONGER HOOKED UP**

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 **PHONE NO LONGER HOOKED UP**

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](#), 4110 Howard Ave., Kensington, 301-493-4009

Small Engine Repair

John's Lawnmower & Small Engine Repair, 6609 Poplar Ave., Takoma Park, 301-270-6938

9/11: (2 recs) Excellent work and fair price.

5/11: (Recommended for weed whacker repair)

4/10: Neighbors and I have had good luck here.

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

7/12: Repaired our generator and two lawnmowers. You don't even need to be home.

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

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.

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

Surveyors (see Land Surveyors)

Tailors and Seamstresses (See also Upholstery/Slipcovers)

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

3/08: Outstanding work.

4/07: Very good.

Ca Luong (Kah), Dennis Ave., 301-213-5671

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

8/12: (Recommended for making curtains)

3/10: Ladies suits, dresses, gowns. Hemming \$12, and she can do same-day service.

2/09: She's quick, does great work, and is reasonable priced.

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

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

Judith, Gaithersburg, 240-388-9018

3/08: An excellent seamstress

Ku's Reliable Cleaner, 8736 Flower Ave.

8/12: (Recommended for making curtains)

1/09: I've often had work done – quickly and cheaply – here.

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

7/03: Skilled and reasonably priced

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

W S Cleaners (Mrs. Sun), 111 University Blvd. W., SS, 301-681-3724

11/10: Mrs. Sun is a wonderful seamstress. I think her prices are reasonable.

Tax Return Preparers / Tax Advice (see also Accountants)

County Library (by AARP members, and free)

Definitely at Fairland Library; likely at SS and White Oak

Etienne, Jina, Silver Spring, 301-588-6500 (No longer does the returns herself)

3/06: ~~Small, women-run CPA group in Silver Spring~~ (Merged with a larger group.)

Fett, Paul M., 5710 Mayfair Manor Dr., Rockville, 240-430-1065

1/12:

Haley, Matthew ([Haley & Associates](#)), 500 Sunnyside Ave., Beltsville

1/12: We've been using him for years and recommended him to family and friends.

[Heiserman Young PC](#), 4733 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 301-656-8299

5/12: Joel Heiserman and his team are extremely thorough.

9/11: We were very pleased.

Lowenthal, Myra (Flax, Book & Co. CPAs), Highland, MD, myralowe@aol.com, 301-854-1701

11/11: I'm pleased to unequivocally recommend her (for personal and small biz returns)

Metzer, Gordon, Aspen Hill, 301-460-1776

3/06:

O'Hara, Ed, 12510 Prosperity Dr., Silver Spring, 301-680-0840

1/12: We've been happy with him.

3/06:

Perozo, Carlos ([ZP Tax](#)), 8736 Flower Avenue, SS

12/12: I've been impressed.

[Philipson, Richard](#), 8601 Georgia Ave., Suite 1001, SS, 301-608-3900

1/13: Super professional and very pleasant

1/13: He is great and right in downtown Silver Spring.

[Pitluk, Roanne](#), 301-587-2482

1/13: She is diligent, conscientious, and a great person

Raigrodski, Larry, 301-230-2385

3/06: Excellent

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

[Stemmy, Tidler, & Morris](#) 7525 Greenway Center Dr., Greenbelt, 301-441-3655

1/12: We have been using them for 20+ years. They are not aggressive.

[Verarose Muir & Company](#), 301-445-1018 (relocated to Fla., but still listing MD #)

10/11: Professional yet personal and her prices are reasonable.

[Wall, John](#), 4601 North Fairfax Dr., Arlington, 703-260-1328

1/13: Based in VA but can meet in DC. He's been really helpful with my small business.

Taxi / Limo Services

[Chariots for Hire](#)

8/09: (rec. for reliable, fun transportation.) They actually have wine trip specials.

Ernie's Sedan Service, 310-346-6339 (c); 301-422-4549 (h)

1/11: Extremely reliable, courteous, timely. His prices are comparable to Flyer.

6/09: More expensive than a cab ride, but he's reliable and timely.

[RMA Limo](#)

8/09: They are reputable and great.

Sun Cab, 301-637-0345

6/09: They were very good and were driving a hybrid.

[Washington Flyer](#),

1/11: I always take this service to Dulles. About \$65 (before tip). Takes credit cards.

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

12/04: An excellent place to get TVs, stereo components, and VCRs fixed
12/01: Quality is top-notch and prices fair. Used them for TV, stereo & VCR
Russell TV Service, 8025 Ga. Ave, SS, 301-587-7601
8/05: They are good. Reconditioned our 20+ yr old Toshiba to work like new
4/03: We have been happy with them. Owner-operated and fair-priced.

Termite Control (see Pest Control)

Tiling

Edgewater Tile & Granite (Jimmy Boyle), 11 Scotts Cove Rd., Edgewater, 301-440-5871
3/11: He is the best. Did our tile and granite. Reasonable, knowledgeable, friendly.
[Hugh Keany Tile](#), 301-588-3899
10/06: We were very pleased. He just does tile work.

Tire Repair

Burnt Mills Citgo/BP, 10711 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, 301-593-1036
6/12: They were able to fix it for me in about 10 minutes.
[Radial Tire](#), 9101 Brookville Rd., SS, 301-585-2740
6/12: (Recommended to remove a screw and plug the hole in a tire.)

Title Companies

[RGS Title](#), 12520 Prosperity Dr., Silver Spring, 301-680-0200
11/09: I highly recommend them.
[Vintage Settlement Services](#), 301-907-9255
11/09: I highly recommend them.

Tool Sharpening

[Hardware City](#), 10504 Connecticut Ave., Kensington, 301-933-2207
4/12: At one time they offered tool sharpening. [Still do- it's listed on their web site]
Slenkovich, Lenny, 240-478-2215 (an Indian Spring resident)
4/12:
[Strosniders](#),
4/12: Several people recommended them. I think they send tools to the Bethesda store.

Trash Removal (See Hauling Services)

Travel Agents / Planners

[Fairy Tale Journeys by Rebecca Kelly](#) (Disney Travel Agent)
2/13: She'll plan your trip as if it were her own - make your Disney vacation a great one.

Tree Care (see also Lawns and Yard Work)

Al Lehman Brothers Tree Service, 301-593-6153

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

[Alvarado's Tree Service](#), 301-384-4004; 301-404-4812

6/11: Did a large tree removal requiring a crane. Great job. Cheaper than other quotes.

6/09: Removed a large tree close to my garage, with no damage and cheapest bid.

5/09: They removed a large tree and beat other bids. I was happy with their work.

[Arbor Care Inc.](#)

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

Artistic Tree Experts (Jeff),

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

9/03: Efficient, professional, inexpensive

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

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

7/07:

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

5/03:

Charles Taylor Tree Service, 301-933-0946 or 301-942-4130

2/11: A family business by a retired fed. gov. arborist/tree surgeon. Very knowledgeable.

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

[Charlie Seek Services](#), 301-585-9612

6/10: Cheap, fast, friendly, and flexible. We've used them for trimming and removal.

7/09: For custom tree removal. Fast, less expensive than many of the others.

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

7/12: The best, hands down. Above and beyond anything a consumer would expect.

8/11: I've been happy with Ed's

6/08: (no specific comment)

Hewitt Tree Service, 301-589-1401

8/11: (no comments)

Hood's Tree Service, 301-831-3006

2/09: They removed an enormous tree, ground the stumps, at half of other quotes.

[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

[Lee's Tree Service](#), 301-208-8235

8/11: Removed a large branch over my roof. Gave estimate Sunday, done on Monday.

[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), Silver Spring, 301-593-7028

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

T and T Tree and Landscaping (Josh Tamplin), 540-222-2094

2/11: Arrived on time, very reasonably priced, polite, cleaned up beyond expectations.

[Takoma Tree Experts](#)

8/11: The least expensive of 3 estimates. They were efficient, polite, careful.

6/11: I thought they did a great job.

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

6/07: They did a great job.

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

William J. Settle Tree Service, 703-273-1433

9/09: Family business, nice people. Very timely, clean, professional.

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

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

3/08: recommended for upholstery

[M.C. Interiors](#), 412 E. Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg, 301-963-3850

12/11: Did really nice work on a chair slipcover, but too expensive to have 8 done.

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

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

[Termini Furniture Services](#) (Phil), 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

11/10: Yi's has been good by us.

8/08: Nice, reasonably priced work

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

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

Vacuum Cleaners – Repair

[Brothers Sew & Vac](#), 10153 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring (1 Negative)

1/11: Brian, the owner's son, is very eager to please his customers.

1/11: The young guy at Brother was clueless when I went there about 3 months ago.

1/11: The man who waited on me was very helpful. I got a discount with a trade-in.

[Waters Appliance](#), 216 E. Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg

1/11: Friendly hardware-store type of place. Not too hard to get to either.

1/11: Waters Appliance is the place to go!!!!

Veterinarians

[The Animal Place](#), 13818 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-603-1223

3/11: Did surgery on our dog, then called regularly to check on her. I can't say enough.

Beltsville Veterinary Hospital, 4246 Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville, 301-937-3020

3/11: They have been wonderful, and cost literally half of what we used to pay.

3/11: We've gone to BVH for over 30 years. We love Drs. Prowell and Sidor.

Duffy, Meagan, ([Rock Creek Home Veterinary Care](#))

12/12: We used her for our cat (end-of-life exam) and dog. She was so wonderful.

12/12: A great home vet (partner with Dr. Tanouye). Three families shared the house call.

Eeg, Peter, ([Poolesville Veterinary Clinic](#)), 19621 Fisher Ave., Poolesville, 301-972-7705

3/11: Not cheap, but the best for serious or hard-to-diagnose problems.

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

11/12: They were open the day after Thanksgiving and took care of my sick kitty.

2/12: They are fantastic.

3/11: They've been wonderful with some tough health issues with our German Shepherd.

3/11: We switched to Fairland about 5 years ago and have been very happy.

3/11: The vets here are fantastic, and the cost is very reasonable.

4/10: At long last, I have an excellent vet I can rely on and is reasonable.

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

[Four Corners Animal Hospital](#), 105 University Blvd. West, 301-593-6330

2/12: For serious issues, the staff here is a little more friendly than SS Animal Hospital.

3/11: Main drawback – there's no overnight post-op supervision.

3/11: Ros Bowersett has a good reputation, and he's reasonable. Fine for routine care.

10/08:

Friendship Hospital for Animals, 4105 Brandywine St. NW, DC

1/13: (Recommended as "emergency vet with Sunday hours")

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

2/12: Not cheap, but excellent vet care.

2/12: Dr. Tanouye is no longer there. [Now working for herself]

2/12: All the docs are competent and compassionate. Dr. N is certified in acupuncture.

2/12: Dr. Neunzig came to our home when it was time to put our Sheltie down.

3/11: I love Dr. Tanouye, but they're all good, including the maligned Dr. H.

3/11: Dr. Tanouye is awesome-came to our home to euthanize our dog, who was in pain.

3/11: Good for major problems, but expensive. (Hoffeld is one vet I wouldn't recommend)

3/11: Love Dr. Daphne Tanouye. (Also does not recommend Dr. "H".)

3/11: I must defend Dr. Hoffeld -- kind, thorough, gentle. (Several people echoed this)

3/11: We have taken our cats there for years. "Kindness" is the right name for them.

10/08: One positive recommendation and one negative - both with no comments

10/08: They're OK. They lack continuity in vets and order unnecessary tests.

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

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

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

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

3/11: He's been our vet for years. Local, and really, really good.

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

2/12: She's excellent for routine care. We've gone elsewhere for more serious issues.

2:12: She comes to your home and is a wonderful vet.

4/10: Care and compassion, without a lot of extras, and no fear factor for the pet.

4/10: We've really enjoyed working with her. Our dogs are so much more comfortable.

4/09: I had a great experience with her.

10/08: Personable, up-to-date, and great with our dogs and cats

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.

McDowell, Joyce; Kensington Veterinary Clinic, 301-933-5010

3/07: I was so impressed with her expertise, thoroughness & compassion.

5/06: The most competent and compassionate vet I have ever been to.

[Metropolitan Emergency Animal Clinic](#),

1/13: (Recommended as "emergency vet with Sunday hours")

[Perl, Solomon](#), house call 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

3/10: Very good clinic, AND they are open on Sunday.

9/08: Doctors very competent. Staff attentive and friendly.

Tanouye, Daphne ([Rock Creek Home Vet](#)), 301-828-8846

2/13: I was so impressed with her manner and the care she gave my cat.

6/12: She refers to good local hospitals for surgeries and dental work.

6/12: If you need to go to a specialist, she will give you the right questions to ask.

6/12: She emails me very detailed info regarding my aging dog's meds and other tips.

6/12: My old, scared dog is very calm being worked on in his own home.

6/12: After several vets, it was Dr. Tanouye who correctly diagnosed our ailing cat.

6/12: She provided physicals and rabies shots for our 4 cats, for a super price.

4/12: She's wonderful. A gem!

4/12: She has a nice touch with animals and is also very likeable.

4/12: She's open to more natural/holistic care. She'll split her travel fee among neighbors.

3/12: She has left Kindness Animal Hospital and started her own home visit practice.

[VCA Veterinary Referral Associates](#), 500 Perry Pkwy, Gaithersburg, 301-926-3300

1/13: They're open 24/7.

5/10: For emergency care. Level of expertise, thoroughness, and caring was exceptional.

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 (see also Drainage & Grading)

One neighbor's comment: Relying on pumps will break your heart. They will fail at some point. I had my water problem solved for \$1500.00 by a landscaper who raised the beds around the house and put in a French drain between my house and the neighbors. It has been 12 years without water in the basement.

[All About Waterproofing](#), 877-WET-BSMT

9/11: We used them and were very impressed.

[All Aspects Waterproofing](#), 866-999-3110

9/11: Professional and fabulous. Gave a discount for seeing them on Angie's List.

9/11: I second this recommendation. And they have coupons!

[AquaGuard](#), 800-784-9913

9/11: They installed a French drain and 2 sump pumps, and our basement's been dry.

9/11: Their drain and sump pump has kept my basement dry. Regrading hadn't worked.

6/06: They are top-rated by Checkbook, and we have had no problems

7/04: Better price than Mid-Atlantic, and we were pleased with their service

2/03: Installed French drains and sump pumps. Expensive, but a dry basement.

[B-Dry](#) (mixed reviews), 888-400-2379

9/11: They installed a sump pump this spring, but we just had water in the basement.

9/11: We used them at our last house and they were awesome.

9/11: Their French drain and sump pump was the best improvement to our house!

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.

[Desert Dry](#), 800-238-8805

9/11: A fantastic job: sump pump, French drain along side of the house, and regrading.

[Mid-Atlantic Waterproofing](#), (Warning)

9/11: They harassed me after quoting an over-inflated estimate. I didn't pursue it.

Weight Management

[National Center for Weight and Wellness](#), 1828 L St. NW, Washington DC, 202-223-3077

8/12: Have helped me lose significant weight which I have kept off for many years.

Window Shades/Blinds

[Montgomery Blinds](#), 301-540-7575

5/12: Andy Warmack gave us a great experience!

11/11: They measured and installed. Same brands/styles as Next Day, for less (in '05).

11/11: I also chose them for the savings (in '02). The blinds still look great.

[Next Day Blinds](#), 819 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring (across from Whole Foods)

11/11: A large selection and reasonable pricing. We had a great experience with them.

[Snyder's Shades](#), 703-905-9288

11/11: New shades this year. We were happy with this family-owned-business' prices.

[Windo Van Go](#),

11/11: High-end. Brought samples, measured, and returned to install beautiful blinds.

Windows

[American Home Center](#), 10778 Tucker St., Beltsville, 301-220-1144

8/10: They haven't done any lead-paint-related installs since the new law in April.

8/10: And they don't try to get you to buy the most expensive product.

7/10: We've used them twice.

7/10: Family owned business – no subcontractors. Lifetime guarantee on windows.

10/09: We were extremely satisfied with their product, efficiency, and cleanliness

10/09: Honest, easy to work with, timely and professional

10/08: (4 recs) Honest, reliable, timely, and clean. #1 in Consumers' Checkbook.

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

Atlantic Storm Window Repair (Ridha Benjebara), 301-933-5828

5/09: Built new custom sized screens. Very good service; very good value/price.

[Crystal Exteriors](#), 209 Whitestone Rd. (Woodmoor), 301-681-8186

11/12: My neighbor had his windows replaced by Crystal; got a great deal on triple-glass.

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

Pinnacle Energy (**DO NOT USE**)

1/12: Damaged our new gutters in the process of re-shingling our roof.

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

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

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

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

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

[Thompson Creek](#), 866-572-7335

7/10: For our front door and windows. Polite, competent, professional. Competitive price.

[Wheaton Door & Window](#)

11/06: (multiple recs)

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

[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

Yard Work (see Lawns & Yard Work)