

Coeur d'Alene Painting Co.

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Interior painting in Coeur d'Alene

Costs, winter dry times and a bid checklist for North Idaho homes

WHAT IT RUNS HERE

A 3-bedroom interior in Coeur d'Alene runs \$3,500 to \$8,250 for walls, ceilings, trim and doors, or from \$3.30 per square foot of finished floor area. Most houses take 2 to 3 days on site. Winter is a normal season for this work here, since the cold stretch runs mid November to late February and the crew is inside anyway. Coeur d'Alene Premium Painters carries a 2 year workmanship warranty. Call (208) 551-1546.

Free estimate, written scope

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What matters most

- A 3-bedroom interior in Coeur d'Alene runs \$3,500 to \$8,250, or from \$3.30 per square foot of floor area.
- Most 3-bedroom repaints take 2 to 3 days on site, and enamel recoat windows are what stretch that.
- Coeur d'Alene's median home was built in 1994, and about 9,100 of its 26,142 housing units went up before 1980.
- Wood stove soot gets dry sponged, washed and sealed with shellac primer, never painted over.
- Idaho requires contractor registration on any job over \$2,000, with at least \$300,000 in general liability.

THE NUMBERS

Coeur d'Alene interior painting and related scopes

SCOPE	WHAT IT COVERS	COEUR D'ALENE RANGE
3-bedroom interior repaint	Walls, ceilings, trim, doors and closets in roughly 1,600 to 2,400 square feet	\$3,500 to \$8,250
Priced by floor area	Same scope, quoted per square foot of finished floor space	From \$3.30 per sq ft
Kitchen cabinets refinished in the same trip	Doors, drawer fronts, face frames and boxes, 5 to 7 days	\$2,650 to \$6,400
Cabinet work counted per opening	Each door or drawer front, sprayed both sides	From \$85 per door
Office, retail or rental interior	Commercial interiors priced by area and scheduled to your hours	\$2.75 to \$6.05 per sq ft

Ceilings in or out of the scope, the number of colors, and how much wall repair is needed move the number more than square footage does.

The numbers

A 3-bedroom interior runs \$3,500 to \$8,250, or from \$3.30 per square foot of finished floor area. On site time is 2 to 3 days. Workmanship warranty is 2 years.

- Low end: newer Post Falls or Coeur d'Alene Place house, one color, ceilings excluded
- High end: plaster walls, deep trim, open stairwell, three or four colors
- Ceilings in or out is the biggest single lever on the total

Winter conditions that change the work

The cold season runs about November 13 to February 26 and snow sits from November 1 to March 22. Heated indoor air is dry air, and paint dry times are published at 77 degrees and 50 percent humidity.

- Dry air shortens the wet edge and can leave roller laps
- Cold exterior walls matter more than room air temperature
- December 21 gives only 8 hours 25 minutes of daylight, so sample colors on a large board

Housing stock by era

Coeur d'Alene's median build year is 1994. Post Falls is 2005. About 2,258 Coeur d'Alene units date to 1939 or earlier and 3,807 went up in the 1970s.

- Pre-1940: plaster, oil enamel trim, calcimine ceilings, lead rules apply
- 1950s to 1970s: hand texture and sprayed acoustic ceilings, test before scraping
- 1990s and 2000s: orange peel texture, MDF trim, burnished builder flat

Soot and stain blocking

Wood heats 3,243 Kootenai County households as a primary fuel, and many more run a stove as backup. Soot is oily and smears if you wet it first.

- Dry chemical sponge, then degreaser wash, then rinse and dry
- Seal with a shellac primer such as Zinsser B-I-N
- Shellac the whole pine board rather than the knot alone

Reading a bid

Two honest bids can land \$2,000 apart. The gap is almost always coat count and prep.

- Two coats over spot primed walls is the standard spec
- Confirm whether the rate measures floor area or wall area
- Idaho registration is required over \$2,000 with \$300,000 general liability

Products worth naming

Trim enamel choice drives both the look and the schedule.

- Benjamin Moore Advance: 16 hour recoat, up to 30 days to full hardness
- Sherwin-Williams Emerald Urethane: 1 hour to touch, 4 hour recoat
- Walls: Regal Select, Aura, Cashmere or Emerald Interior in eggshell or matte

After the crew leaves

The finish keeps hardening after the trucks pull out, and North Idaho winters punish stored paint.

- Store leftover paint inside the heated house, since it freezes in a detached garage
- Wait two weeks before washing a wall, and skip melamine foam erasers
- Repaint cycle is generally five to ten years, shorter in a wood heated room

Check these before you sign an interior painting bid in Coeur d'Alene

- ☐ The bid states a coat count and names the primer that goes under it.
- ☐ The square foot rate says plainly whether it measures floor area or wall area.
- ☐ Paint is named by product line, not only by brand.
- ☐ Prep is quantified: patch size covered, nail pop count, caulk cut out and refilled.
- ☐ Ceilings are either included in the scope or excluded in writing.
- ☐ Wallpaper removal and popcorn removal appear as their own lines with their own numbers.
- ☐ The Idaho contractor registration number is listed and you looked it up on the state site.
- ☐ The certificate of insurance came from the agent, not as a phone photo.
- ☐ The 2 year workmanship warranty appears in the written scope.
- ☐ On a pre-1978 house, the bidder's EPA firm certification number is on the paperwork.
- ☐ Soot, knots and water stains have a named primer in the scope instead of "prime as needed".
- ☐ The payment schedule shows the deposit and what triggers the final payment.

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