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Interior painting in Asheville, the short version

Prices, prep and timelines for repainting an Asheville home

WHAT IT RUNS HERE

Interior painting in Asheville runs \$3,500 to \$8,250 for a typical 3-bedroom home, starting at \$3.05 per square foot. Most repaints take 2 to 3 days. Older Montford and Grove Park houses cost more because of plaster repair and pre-1978 lead paint rules. Work carries a 2 year workmanship warranty. Call (828) 826-1687 for a free estimate, and most homeowners hear back within 15 minutes.

Free estimate, written scope
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What matters most

- A 3-bedroom interior repaint in Asheville runs \$3,500 to \$8,250, starting at \$3.05 per square foot.
- Most of Montford was built between 1890 and 1920, so plaster repair is a normal line item there.
- North Carolina runs its own EPA-authorized lead program, and paid work disturbing over 6 square feet of paint in a pre-1978 room falls under it.
- Benjamin Moore Advance lists a 16 hour recoat at 50 percent humidity, and Asheville summers push that longer.
- Interior latex keeps hardening for about 30 days, so hold off on scrubbing walls until then.

THE NUMBERS

Interior painting prices in Asheville, NC

SCOPE	WHAT IT COVERS	ASHEVILLE RANGE
Square foot starting price	Walls, ceilings and standard trim, two coats, measured on finished floor area	From \$3.05 per square foot
Typical 3-bedroom home	Full interior repaint including walls, ceilings, trim, doors and closets	\$3,500 to \$8,250
Near the low end of the band	Sound drywall, one wall color, white trim staying white, house mostly empty	Around \$3,500
Near the high end of the band	Plaster repair, ten foot ceilings, a two story stairwell, stained trim going white	Around \$8,250
Lead-safe work, pre-1978 house	Containment, HEPA vacuuming and cleanup verification under the North Carolina RRP program	Quoted per room after the walkthrough
Plaster and drywall repair	Cutting out cracks, taping, skim coating, re-keying loose plaster	Quoted after the walkthrough
Workmanship warranty	Peeling, blistering and adhesion failure on the work performed, 2 years	Included

Wall repair hours and ceiling height move the number more than paint choice does.

What it costs

A three bedroom interior repaint in Asheville runs \$3,500 to \$8,250, starting at \$3.05 per square foot of finished floor area for walls, ceilings and standard trim in two coats.

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- Low end: sound drywall, one color, trim staying white
- High end: plaster repair, tall ceilings, stairwell, stained trim going white
- Typical timeline: 2 to 3 days
- Workmanship warranty: 2 years

Older Asheville housing stock

Most of Montford was built between 1890 and 1920. Grove Park was laid out from 1908 to 1913 with a 1923 expansion. Kenilworth was chartered in 1913 and filled in through the 1920s.

- Plaster over wood lath, cracks need cutting out and skim coating
- All pre-1978, so lead rules apply to paid work
- Prep often takes longer than painting on these houses
- Interior work needs no Certificate of Appropriateness in local historic districts

The lead rule in North Carolina

North Carolina runs its own EPA-authorized Renovation, Repair and Painting program under 10A NCAC 41C .0900 and General Statute 130A-453.22.

- Applies to paid work on housing built before 1978
- Exemption stops at 6 square feet of paint per room inside, 20 square feet outside
- Window replacement and demolition are always covered
- Verify a firm through the Health Hazards Control Unit at 919-707-5950

Humidity and cure time

Data sheets are written at 77 degrees and 50 percent relative humidity. Asheville summers sit well above that, which stretches every recoat window on the label.

- Benjamin Moore Advance: 16 hour recoat, up to 30 days to full hardness
- Do not apply Advance above 85 percent humidity or below 50 degrees
- Run air conditioning during and after summer interior work
- Prop painted doors on shims overnight

Reading a bid

A bid worth comparing names the product line, the coat count, the limits of prep, who moves furniture, and what is excluded.

- "Prep as needed" is not a specification
- Certificate of insurance should arrive from the agency directly
- NC requires a GC licence at \$40,000 and up, raised from \$30,000 on October 1, 2023
- Deposit plus balance on completion is the normal payment structure

Common failures

Most interior callbacks trace to prep skipped rather than paint chosen.

- Flashing halos where patches were not primed
- Old calcimine ceilings peeling in sheets under new latex
- Doors bonded to jambs when latched too soon
- Mildew painted over instead of cleaned off and vented

After the crew leaves

Wait about 30 days before washing walls. Interior latex is still hardening for roughly a month after it stops feeling wet.

- Store leftover paint inside, since latex is ruined by freezing
- Touch up with the same tool used originally
- Hold indoor humidity between 30 and 50 percent in summer
- Expect 7 to 10 years in low traffic rooms, 3 to 5 in hallways

Check these before you sign an interior painting contract

- ☐ The bid names the actual product line and sheen for walls, ceilings and trim, rather than only a brand name.
- ☐ Number of coats is stated per surface, and any one-coat area is called out.
- ☐ Prep has a boundary you can read, such as filling cracks up to one eighth inch and spot priming bare areas.
- ☐ Closet interiors, door faces, bedroom ceilings and the back stairwell are either included or listed as excluded.
- ☐ For a pre-1978 house, the contractor gives you their North Carolina lead firm certification number without hesitating.
- ☐ The certificate of insurance comes directly from the insurance agency, not forwarded as a PDF.
- ☐ Workers compensation is confirmed if the company has three or more people on site.
- ☐ Payment is a deposit plus a balance on completion, with no request for the full amount up front.
- ☐ Colors are sampled on your own walls and looked at in morning and evening light before anything is ordered.
- ☐ The written scope says who moves and covers furniture and who puts it back.
- ☐ The workmanship warranty term is in writing, with the exclusions spelled out.
- ☐ You have a start date and an estimate in working days, rather than a month.

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