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1. A warranty can save you money and gray hair
2. Scope of warranty
3. Period of warranty
4. Limiting all claims to warranty period
5. Commencement date of warranty
6. Limiting time period within which lawsuit must be commenced
7. Warranty should be nontransferable
8. No extension of warranty period
9. Voiding warranty if others correct the work
10. Warranty exclusions

### *Introduction*

A warranty clause is one of the most important clauses that you can put in your contract. How often do we see a warranty on a contractor's proposal consisting of just three words: "One Year Warranty" with nothing further? Listed below are a number of pointers to improve and strengthen your warranty as a contractor under Washington law.



**1. A warranty can save you money and gray hair.** Most contractors think that giving a warranty adds to the contractor's obligations to a customer. It does not. Contractors are obligated to a customer for six years for failure to perform obligations required of the contractor under the terms of a written contract. A contractor can limit this six-year liability period by providing a warranty that limits or