

**Alabama Pre-Lien and Mechanics' Lien
Time Deadlines**

Pre-Lien Notice (Subs & Suppliers Only*)	
When to Serve/File	Comments
(A) Notice to Owner (Prior to Performance) - no set time limit. A reasonable time before furnishing materials/equipment.	Used only by 1) material/equipment suppliers or 2) laborers with a direct contract with Owner.
(B) Notice to Owner (Unpaid Balance) - no set time limit. Before filing a Mechanic's Lien.	Used by subs, laborers, and suppliers with no direct contract with Owner.

Mechanic's Lien	
When to Serve/File	Comments
General	Defined as the date the debt becomes due and payable.
6 months after the entire debt matures.	
Sub or Supplier	
4 months after the last item of work or material furnished	
Laborers	
30 days after last labor provided.	

*Not required for general contractor with direct contract with owner.