

**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
<b>General</b>	Defined as the date the debt becomes due and payable.
6 months after the entire debt matures.	
<b>Sub or Supplier</b>	
4 months after the last item of work or material furnished	
<b>Laborers</b>	
30 days after last labor provided.	

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