

Chicago Bathroom Remodeling Pros

Contractor Checklist

Hire with Confidence

Choosing the right contractor is one of the most important decisions you'll make during a bathroom remodel. Use this checklist to compare contractors, ask the right questions, and ensure you're hiring a qualified professional for your project.

Company Information

Contractor Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Estimate Date: _____

Business Credentials

- ☐ Business has a physical address
 - ☐ Business has a professional website
 - ☐ Company has positive online reviews
 - ☐ Years in business: _____
 - ☐ Specializes in bathroom remodeling
 - ☐ Carries general liability insurance
 - ☐ Carries workers' compensation insurance (if applicable)
 - ☐ Provides proof of insurance upon request
 - ☐ Proper licensing verified (where required)
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Experience & Qualifications

- ☐ Can provide recent bathroom remodeling projects

- ☐ Has experience with projects similar to mine
 - ☐ Provides before-and-after photos
 - ☐ Offers design assistance (if needed)
 - ☐ Understands local building requirements
 - ☐ Familiar with waterproofing best practices
 - ☐ Uses quality building materials
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Written Estimate

- ☐ Detailed scope of work included
 - ☐ Labor costs clearly explained
 - ☐ Material costs listed
 - ☐ Payment schedule provided
 - ☐ Estimated start date included
 - ☐ Estimated completion date included
 - ☐ Change order process explained
 - ☐ Cleanup included in proposal
 - ☐ Disposal of demolition debris included
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Project Planning

- ☐ Project timeline reviewed
 - ☐ Material selections confirmed
 - ☐ Fixture locations verified
 - ☐ Plumbing changes discussed
 - ☐ Electrical work discussed
 - ☐ Ventilation improvements reviewed
 - ☐ Accessibility needs addressed
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Permits & Inspections

- ☐ Permit responsibilities explained

- ☐ Permit costs discussed
 - ☐ Inspection process explained
 - ☐ Contractor will coordinate required inspections
 - ☐ Final inspection process reviewed
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Communication

- ☐ Primary point of contact identified
 - ☐ Project manager assigned
 - ☐ Preferred communication method established
 - ☐ Regular progress updates discussed
 - ☐ Questions answered promptly
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Workmanship

- ☐ Waterproofing methods explained
 - ☐ Tile installation standards discussed
 - ☐ Cabinet installation process reviewed
 - ☐ Finish quality expectations established
 - ☐ Punch-list process explained
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Warranties

- ☐ Workmanship warranty provided
 - ☐ Manufacturer warranties explained
 - ☐ Warranty documents supplied upon completion
 - ☐ Service procedures after project completion discussed
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Safety & Job Site

- ☐ Dust-control measures explained
- ☐ Floor protection provided

- ☐ Daily cleanup included
 - ☐ Safe storage of tools and materials
 - ☐ Children and pet safety discussed
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References

- ☐ Three recent customer references provided
 - ☐ References contacted
 - ☐ Online reviews reviewed
 - ☐ Portfolio matches desired style
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Questions to Ask

- ☐ Who will perform the work?
 - ☐ Will subcontractors be used?
 - ☐ How long will the project take?
 - ☐ What happens if hidden damage is discovered?
 - ☐ How are schedule delays handled?
 - ☐ What products do you recommend and why?
 - ☐ How do you protect my home during construction?
 - ☐ How are change requests documented?
 - ☐ What is your final walkthrough process?
 - ☐ What should I do to prepare before work begins?
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Compare Contractors

Category	Contractor A	Contractor B	Contractor C
Licensed (if required)	☐	☐	☐
Insured	☐	☐	☐
Detailed Estimate	☐	☐	☐
Warranty Offered	☐	☐	☐
References Checked	☐	☐	☐
Timeline Provided	☐	☐	☐
Communication	☐	☐	☐

Category	Contractor A	Contractor B	Contractor C
Overall Confidence	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Before Signing a Contract

- ☐ Read the entire contract carefully
 - ☐ Verify the project scope
 - ☐ Confirm payment schedule
 - ☐ Review warranty information
 - ☐ Understand the change order process
 - ☐ Confirm estimated start and completion dates
 - ☐ Verify who is responsible for permits
 - ☐ Keep copies of all project documents
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Notes

Chicago Bathroom Remodeling Pros

We proudly help homeowners throughout Chicago transform outdated bathrooms into beautiful, functional spaces. Whether you're planning a simple refresh or a complete renovation, our experienced team is here to guide you through every step—from planning and design to expert craftsmanship and the final walkthrough.

Final Reminder

The lowest estimate isn't always the best value. Consider the contractor's experience, communication, workmanship, reputation, and attention to detail alongside the price. A well-planned bathroom remodel completed by a qualified professional can provide years of enjoyment, improve your home's functionality, and add lasting value.

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