

Chicago Bathroom Remodeling Pros

Bathroom Remodeling Planning Checklist

Plan Your Dream Bathroom with Confidence

A successful bathroom remodel begins with thoughtful planning. This checklist will help you organize your ideas, establish a realistic budget, choose the right materials, and prepare for every stage of your renovation. Whether you're updating a small guest bathroom or creating a luxury primary suite, use this guide to stay on track and make informed decisions.

Homeowner Information

Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Desired Project Start Date: _____

Step 1 – Define Your Remodeling Goals

What do you hope to accomplish?

- ☐ Update an outdated bathroom
 - ☐ Improve functionality
 - ☐ Increase home value
 - ☐ Create a luxury spa-like retreat
 - ☐ Improve accessibility
 - ☐ Add storage
 - ☐ Increase energy efficiency
 - ☐ Replace worn or damaged materials
 - ☐ Prepare home for resale
 - ☐ Other: _____
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Step 2 – Evaluate Your Existing Bathroom

What Works Well?

What Needs Improvement?

- ☐ Small shower
 - ☐ Old bathtub
 - ☐ Poor lighting
 - ☐ Limited storage
 - ☐ Worn flooring
 - ☐ Damaged tile
 - ☐ Outdated vanity
 - ☐ Poor ventilation
 - ☐ Plumbing issues
 - ☐ Water damage
 - ☐ Mold or mildew
 - ☐ Other:
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Step 3 – Establish Your Budget

Ideal Budget:

\$ _____

Maximum Budget:

\$ _____

Emergency Reserve (10–20%):

\$ _____

Total Planned Investment:

\$ _____

Step 4 – Prioritize Your Project

Must-Have Features

- ☐ Walk-in shower
- ☐ Double vanity
- ☐ New flooring
- ☐ Better lighting
- ☐ More storage
- ☐ Heated floors
- ☐ Frameless shower door
- ☐ New bathtub
- ☐ Custom tile
- ☐ Accessibility upgrades

Other:

Nice-to-Have Features

- ☐ Rain shower head
- ☐ Shower bench
- ☐ Smart mirror
- ☐ Built-in niche
- ☐ Floating vanity
- ☐ Heated towel warmer
- ☐ Decorative accent wall
- ☐ Premium fixtures

Other:

Step 5 – Choose Your Design Style

Select your preferred style.

- ☐ Modern

- ☐ Contemporary
 - ☐ Traditional
 - ☐ Transitional
 - ☐ Farmhouse
 - ☐ Industrial
 - ☐ Scandinavian
 - ☐ Coastal
 - ☐ Luxury Spa
 - ☐ Minimalist
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Step 6 – Material Selections

Flooring

- ☐ Porcelain Tile
- ☐ Ceramic Tile
- ☐ Luxury Vinyl
- ☐ Natural Stone

Selection:

Shower

- ☐ Acrylic
- ☐ Fiberglass
- ☐ Custom Tile
- ☐ Walk-In Shower
- ☐ Tub/Shower Combination

Selection:

Vanity

- ☐ Stock

- ☐ Semi-Custom
- ☐ Custom
- ☐ Floating

Selection:

Countertops

- ☐ Quartz
- ☐ Granite
- ☐ Marble
- ☐ Solid Surface
- ☐ Laminate

Selection:

Fixtures

Finish:

- ☐ Chrome
- ☐ Brushed Nickel
- ☐ Matte Black
- ☐ Brass
- ☐ Bronze

Selection:

Step 7 – Lighting Plan

- ☐ Vanity lighting
- ☐ Ceiling lighting
- ☐ Recessed lights
- ☐ Accent lighting

- ☐ Shower lighting
- ☐ Dimmable switches
- ☐ Night lighting

Notes:

Step 8 – Storage Planning

- ☐ Medicine cabinet
- ☐ Linen cabinet
- ☐ Vanity drawers
- ☐ Built-in shelving
- ☐ Shower niche
- ☐ Floating shelves
- ☐ Towel storage

Notes:

Step 9 – Accessibility Considerations

- ☐ Curbless shower
- ☐ Grab bars
- ☐ Comfort-height toilet
- ☐ Wider doorway
- ☐ Slip-resistant flooring
- ☐ Shower bench
- ☐ Handheld shower head
- ☐ Lever-style faucets

Not needed

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Step 10 – Hire the Right Contractor

- ☐ Request multiple estimates
 - ☐ Review previous projects
 - ☐ Verify insurance
 - ☐ Verify licensing (where required)
 - ☐ Read online reviews
 - ☐ Ask for references
 - ☐ Review warranty information
 - ☐ Review project timeline
 - ☐ Understand payment schedule
 - ☐ Sign written contract
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Step 11 – Prepare for Construction

- ☐ Finalize design
 - ☐ Approve materials
 - ☐ Order fixtures
 - ☐ Arrange temporary bathroom
 - ☐ Remove personal belongings
 - ☐ Protect nearby rooms
 - ☐ Secure pets
 - ☐ Inform household members
 - ☐ Confirm project start date
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Step 12 – During Construction

- ☐ Confirm layout before demolition
- ☐ Review plumbing locations
- ☐ Review electrical locations
- ☐ Verify tile pattern
- ☐ Confirm grout color

- ☐ Review fixture placement
 - ☐ Ask questions as needed
 - ☐ Approve any change orders in writing
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Step 13 – Final Walkthrough

- ☐ Test faucets
 - ☐ Test shower
 - ☐ Test toilet
 - ☐ Test lighting
 - ☐ Test exhaust fan
 - ☐ Open drawers and cabinet doors
 - ☐ Inspect tile installation
 - ☐ Check grout and caulk
 - ☐ Review punch-list items
 - ☐ Receive warranty documents
 - ☐ Collect product manuals
 - ☐ Save all project paperwork
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Inspiration & Design Notes

Favorite Colors:

Favorite Tile:

Vanity Style:

Fixture Finish:

Additional Ideas:

Helpful Planning Tips

- ✓ Establish your budget before selecting materials.
 - ✓ Order products early to reduce the chance of construction delays.
 - ✓ Keep plumbing fixtures in their current locations when possible to help reduce costs.
 - ✓ Invest in durable, moisture-resistant materials designed for bathroom environments.
 - ✓ Leave room in your budget for unexpected repairs that may be discovered after demolition.
 - ✓ Keep all project documents, estimates, warranties, and receipts together in one folder.
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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.

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