

Chicago Bathroom Remodeling Pros

Bathroom Renovation Checklist

Plan Your Bathroom Update with Confidence

A bathroom renovation is one of the most cost-effective ways to improve your home's comfort, functionality, and appearance. Unlike a full remodel, a renovation focuses on updating finishes, fixtures, and materials while keeping the existing layout intact. This checklist will help you stay organized, make informed decisions, and prepare for a smooth renovation from start to finish.

Homeowner Information

Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Desired Project Start Date: _____

Step 1 – Define Your Renovation Goals

Why are you renovating your bathroom?

- ☐ Update an outdated bathroom
 - ☐ Improve appearance
 - ☐ Replace worn or damaged materials
 - ☐ Increase home value
 - ☐ Improve storage
 - ☐ Replace outdated fixtures
 - ☐ Improve lighting
 - ☐ Increase water efficiency
 - ☐ Prepare home for sale
 - ☐ Other:
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Step 2 – Evaluate Your Existing Bathroom

What should stay?

- ☐ Existing layout
- ☐ Bathtub
- ☐ Shower
- ☐ Plumbing locations
- ☐ Electrical layout
- ☐ Ventilation

Other:

What needs updating?

- ☐ Vanity
- ☐ Countertop
- ☐ Sink
- ☐ Faucet
- ☐ Toilet
- ☐ Flooring
- ☐ Shower doors
- ☐ Bathtub
- ☐ Wall tile
- ☐ Shower tile
- ☐ Mirror
- ☐ Lighting
- ☐ Exhaust fan
- ☐ Paint
- ☐ Accessories

Other:

Step 3 – Establish Your Budget

Ideal Budget:

\$ _____

Maximum Budget:

\$ _____

Contingency Fund (10–15%):

\$ _____

Total Planned Investment:

\$ _____

Step 4 – Select Your Design Style

Choose the style you prefer.

- ☐ Modern
 - ☐ Contemporary
 - ☐ Traditional
 - ☐ Transitional
 - ☐ Farmhouse
 - ☐ Industrial
 - ☐ Scandinavian
 - ☐ Coastal
 - ☐ Spa-Inspired
 - ☐ Minimalist
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Preferred Color Palette

- ☐ White
- ☐ Gray
- ☐ Beige
- ☐ Earth Tones
- ☐ Black & White
- ☐ Blue

☐ Green

☐ Custom

Notes:

Step 5 – Choose Your Materials

Flooring

☐ Porcelain Tile

☐ Ceramic Tile

☐ Luxury Vinyl

☐ Natural Stone

Selection:

Vanity

☐ Stock

☐ Semi-Custom

☐ Custom

☐ Floating

Selection:

Countertop

☐ Quartz

☐ Granite

☐ Solid Surface

☐ Laminate

Selection:

Shower or Tub Surround

- ☐ Porcelain Tile
- ☐ Ceramic Tile
- ☐ Acrylic Panels
- ☐ Fiberglass

Selection:

Plumbing Fixtures

Finish:

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

Step 6 – Lighting & Ventilation

- ☐ Replace vanity lights
- ☐ Install LED lighting
- ☐ Replace ceiling fixture
- ☐ Upgrade exhaust fan
- ☐ Install dimmer switches
- ☐ Add recessed lighting
- ☐ Add night lighting

Notes:

Step 7 – Storage Improvements

- ☐ Larger vanity
- ☐ Medicine cabinet

- ☐ Linen cabinet
- ☐ Floating shelves
- ☐ Built-in shelving
- ☐ Drawer organizers
- ☐ Towel hooks
- ☐ Additional cabinetry

Notes:

Step 8 – Hire the Right Contractor

- ☐ Obtain detailed written estimate
 - ☐ Review previous projects
 - ☐ Read online reviews
 - ☐ Verify insurance
 - ☐ Verify licensing (where required)
 - ☐ Request references
 - ☐ Review warranty information
 - ☐ Discuss project timeline
 - ☐ Understand payment schedule
 - ☐ Sign written contract
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Step 9 – Prepare for Construction

- ☐ Finalize material selections
- ☐ Order products
- ☐ Remove personal belongings
- ☐ Empty vanity cabinets
- ☐ Remove medicine cabinet contents
- ☐ Protect nearby rooms
- ☐ Arrange alternate bathroom if needed
- ☐ Secure pets

- ☐ Confirm project schedule
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Step 10 – During Construction

- ☐ Review daily progress
 - ☐ Confirm material installation
 - ☐ Ask questions promptly
 - ☐ Approve any changes in writing
 - ☐ Keep communication open with contractor
 - ☐ Verify fixtures before installation
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Step 11 – Final Walkthrough

- ☐ Test faucets
 - ☐ Test toilet
 - ☐ Test lighting
 - ☐ Test exhaust fan
 - ☐ Inspect flooring
 - ☐ Inspect tile
 - ☐ Inspect caulking
 - ☐ Verify paint quality
 - ☐ Open cabinet doors and drawers
 - ☐ Complete punch list
 - ☐ Receive warranties
 - ☐ Collect product manuals
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Renovation Wish List

My highest priorities are:

Products I Like:

Questions for My Contractor:

Helpful Renovation Tips

- ✓ Keeping the existing bathroom layout can reduce labor costs and shorten the construction schedule.
 - ✓ Order all major materials before demolition begins to help prevent delays caused by backorders.
 - ✓ Invest in quality fixtures, flooring, and countertops that will provide years of reliable performance.
 - ✓ Choose timeless finishes rather than highly trendy designs if long-term value is important.
 - ✓ Set aside a contingency fund to cover unexpected repairs, particularly in older Chicago homes.
 - ✓ Keep all estimates, contracts, warranties, receipts, and product information together in one folder for future reference.
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Whether you're refreshing an outdated bathroom or giving your existing space a modern new look, **Chicago Bathroom Remodeling Pros** is committed to making your renovation experience simple, organized, and stress-free. Our team helps homeowners throughout Chicago update bathrooms with quality materials, skilled craftsmanship, and attention to every detail, delivering beautiful results that can be enjoyed for years to come.

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