# Chicago Bathroom Remodeling Pros

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## 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:** _____

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## 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)

## 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

## 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

## Project Planning

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

## Permits & Inspections

□ Permit responsibilities explained

□ Permit costs discussed

□ Inspection process explained

□ Contractor will coordinate required inspections

☐ Final inspection process reviewed

## Communication

□ Primary point of contact identified

□ Project manager assigned

□ Preferred communication method established

□ Regular progress updates discussed

☐ Questions answered promptly

## Workmanship

□ Waterproofing methods explained

□ Tile installation standards discussed

□ Cabinet installation process reviewed

□ Finish quality expectations established

☐ Punch-list process explained

## Warranties

□ Workmanship warranty provided

□ Manufacturer warranties explained

□ Warranty documents supplied upon completion

☐ Service procedures after project completion discussed

## Safety & Job Site

□ Dust-control measures explained

□ Floor protection provided

□ Daily cleanup included

□ Safe storage of tools and materials

☐ Children and pet safety discussed

## References

□ Three recent customer references provided

□ References contacted

□ Online reviews reviewed

☐ Portfolio matches desired style

## 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?

## Compare Contractors

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

# 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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