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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□ Update an outdated bathroom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: _____

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□ Outdated vanity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:

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

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

□

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

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

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

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

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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