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Bathroom Remodeling Timeline Checklist

Your Week-by-Week Guide to a Successful Bathroom Remodel

A bathroom remodel is an exciting investment in your home, and understanding what happens during each phase of the project can make the experience much less stressful. Use this checklist to stay organized, track progress, and prepare for each stage of your renovation.

Project Information

Homeowner: _____

Project Address: _____

Contractor: _____

Estimated Start Date: _____

Estimated Completion Date: _____

Phase 1: Planning & Design (2–6 Weeks Before Construction)

Planning

□ Define your remodeling goals

□ Establish a realistic budget

□ Gather design inspiration

□ Measure the bathroom

□ Create a list of must-have features

□ Prioritize optional upgrades

□ Download planning resources

Choose Your Contractor

- ☐ Compare written estimates
- ☐ Verify licensing (where required)
- ☐ Verify insurance
- ☐ Review references
- ☐ Review project portfolio
- ☐ Sign contract
- ☐ Review warranty information

Material Selection

- ☐ Vanity selected
- ☐ Flooring selected
- ☐ Tile selected
- ☐ Countertops selected
- ☐ Faucets selected
- ☐ Toilet selected
- ☐ Shower or bathtub selected
- ☐ Mirrors selected
- ☐ Lighting selected
- ☐ Paint colors selected
- ☐ Accessories selected

Before Construction

- ☐ Materials ordered
- ☐ Delivery dates confirmed
- ☐ Temporary bathroom arranged
- ☐ Personal belongings removed
- ☐ Home protected from dust
- ☐ Family members informed of project schedule

Phase 2: Demolition (Week 1)

Contractor Activities

□ Remove fixtures

□ Remove vanity

□ Remove flooring

□ Remove wall tile

□ Remove drywall (if necessary)

□ Haul away debris

Homeowner Checklist

□ Confirm final layout

□ Verify all materials have arrived

□ Discuss any unexpected findings

□ Keep work area clear

Phase 3: Rough Construction (Week 2)

Contractor Activities

□ Plumbing rough-in

□ Electrical rough-in

□ Framing modifications

□ Ventilation improvements

□ Structural repairs (if needed)

Homeowner Checklist

□ Confirm plumbing locations

□ Review lighting placement

□ Verify electrical outlet locations

□ Approve any project changes

Phase 4: Drywall & Waterproofing (Week 3)

Contractor Activities

□ Install insulation (if required)

□ Hang drywall

□ Finish drywall

□ Waterproof shower

□ Prepare tile surfaces

Homeowner Checklist

□ Verify shower niche placement

□ Review bench location

□ Confirm waterproofing progress

□ Ask questions before tile installation begins

Phase 5: Tile Installation (Week 4)

Contractor Activities

□ Install floor tile

□ Install wall tile

□ Install shower tile

□ Install decorative accents

□ Apply grout

□ Seal grout (if applicable)

Homeowner Checklist

□ Verify tile pattern

□ Confirm grout color

□ Inspect alignment

□ Report damaged tile before completion

Phase 6: Fixture Installation (Week 5)

Contractor Activities

- ☐ Install vanity
- ☐ Install countertops
- ☐ Install plumbing fixtures
- ☐ Install toilet
- ☐ Install mirrors
- ☐ Install lighting
- ☐ Install shower doors
- ☐ Install accessories

Homeowner Checklist

- ☐ Test faucets
- ☐ Test shower
- ☐ Test toilet
- ☐ Test lighting
- ☐ Open drawers and cabinet doors
- ☐ Inspect countertop installation

Phase 7: Final Details (Week 6)

Contractor Activities

- ☐ Paint touch-ups
- ☐ Final trim installation
- ☐ Final caulking
- ☐ Complete punch list
- ☐ Final cleaning

Homeowner Checklist

- ☐ Walk through the completed bathroom

- ☐ Test every fixture
- ☐ Check ventilation fan
- ☐ Inspect flooring
- ☐ Verify tile quality
- ☐ Confirm punch-list items completed
- ☐ Receive warranty documentation
- ☐ Collect product manuals
- ☐ Make final payment according to contract

After Your Remodel

First Week

- ☐ Learn recommended cleaning methods
- ☐ Register products for warranty (if applicable)
- ☐ Save receipts and manuals
- ☐ Photograph your completed bathroom
- ☐ Report any adjustments promptly

First Month

- ☐ Inspect grout
- ☐ Check caulking
- ☐ Monitor plumbing fixtures
- ☐ Verify exhaust fan operation
- ☐ Follow maintenance recommendations

Important Project Contacts

Contact	Name	Phone
Contractor	_____	_____
Project Manager	_____	_____
Designer	_____	_____

Contact	Name	Phone
Emergency Contact	_____	_____

Project Notes

Helpful Remodeling Tips

✔Order all materials before demolition begins whenever possible.

✔Keep children and pets away from the work area.

✔Expect some dust and construction noise during the remodel.

✔Hidden conditions, especially in older homes, may occasionally affect the project timeline or budget.

✔Avoid making major design changes once construction has started, as they can increase costs and extend completion time.

✔Communicate regularly with your contractor to stay informed throughout the project.

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