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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□ Update an outdated bathroom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□ Replace outdated fixtures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:

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

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

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

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

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

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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