

Remodel Decision Checklist

These decisions are difficult, costly, or disruptive to change once construction starts. Review them early so they are intentional, documented, and aligned across trades.

Enclosure Decisions

- 1 Insulation type, location, and thickness.
- 2 Air sealing approach and responsibility by trade.
- 3 Window performance targets and placement changes.
- 4 Thermal bridge treatment at slabs, balconies, and framing.

Mechanical Decisions

- 1 Heating and cooling system type.
- 2 HVAC sizing method and design assumptions.
- 3 Duct layout, routing, and access.
- 4 Equipment locations and service clearances.

Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality

- 1 Ventilation strategy and control method.
- 2 Bathroom and kitchen exhaust approach.
- 3 Filtration level and filter access.

Moisture and Durability

- 1 Drainage plane and flashing details.
- 2 Drying strategy for walls and roofs.
- 3 Bulk water control at foundations and roofs.

Electrical and Future Flexibility

- 1 Panel capacity and space for future loads.
- 2 Circuit routing that avoids conflicts with ducts.
- 3 Conduit or pathways for future upgrades.

If these decisions are not clearly defined, they default to habit or convenience. Early clarity prevents rework, delays, and missed opportunities.