

CLIENT-FACING BATHROOM REMODEL COST GUIDE

2026 Market Pricing Reference | Walk-Through Handout

Prepared for homeowner walk-throughs and project budget conversations

Important Note for Homeowners

This guide is intended to help homeowners understand realistic bathroom remodel pricing in today's market. Final pricing depends on actual site conditions, existing construction, plumbing access, electrical requirements, hidden damage, tile selections, cabinetry, countertops, glass, fixtures, and finish expectations. This is not a final estimate or contract amount. A formal proposal should be prepared after an on-site walkthrough and confirmed project scope.

Executive Summary

Bathroom remodels are some of the most labor-intensive projects in a home because several trades are usually involved in a relatively small space: demolition, framing, plumbing, electrical, drywall, waterproofing, tile, cabinetry, countertops, painting, glass, fixtures, and final finish work.

A basic bathroom update may focus mostly on cosmetic improvements. A true full master bathroom remodel usually includes more involved work such as tile demolition, custom shower waterproofing, new shower valves, drain work, floor tile, heated floors, cabinetry, countertops, lighting, shower glass, trim, drywall repair, and paint.

Bathroom Type	Typical Client-Facing Budget Range
Powder Room / Half Bath	\$3,500 - \$22,000+
Small Full Bathroom	\$6,000 - \$35,000+
Standard Hall Bathroom	\$8,000 - \$45,000+
Small Master / Primary Bathroom	\$12,000 - \$55,000+
Large Master / Primary Bathroom	\$18,000 - \$85,000+
Luxury Spa-Level Master Bathroom	\$45,000 - \$125,000+

Bathroom Remodel Cost by Size

Bathroom Type	Typical Size	Light / Cosmetic Update	Standard Remodel	Full Custom Remodel
Powder Room / Half Bath	18 - 30 sq. ft.	\$3,500 - \$8,000	\$8,000 - \$14,000	\$14,000 - \$22,000+
Small Full Bathroom	35 - 50 sq. ft.	\$6,000 - \$12,000	\$12,000 - \$22,000	\$22,000 - \$35,000+
Standard Hall Bathroom	50 - 75 sq. ft.	\$8,000 - \$16,000	\$16,000 - \$28,000	\$28,000 - \$45,000+
Small Master / Primary Bath	75 - 100 sq. ft.	\$12,000 - \$20,000	\$20,000 - \$35,000	\$35,000 - \$55,000+
Large Master / Primary Bath	100 - 160 sq. ft.	\$18,000 - \$30,000	\$30,000 - \$50,000	\$50,000 - \$85,000+
Luxury Spa-Style Master Bath	160 - 250+ sq. ft.	\$25,000 - \$40,000	\$45,000 - \$75,000	\$75,000 - \$125,000+

Important: A smaller bathroom does not always mean a cheaper project. Bathrooms are compact but trade-heavy. Plumbing, waterproofing, tile, electrical, cabinetry, glass, and finish details can make a small bathroom cost more per square foot than a larger room in the home.

Remodel Level 1 - Cosmetic Bathroom Refresh

Budget Range	Typical Size
\$6,000 - \$15,000	25 - 75 sq. ft.

This level is best for a bathroom that is functional but outdated. The layout usually stays the same, and the project focuses on improving the look of the space without major demolition or plumbing relocation.

Common Item Included	Typical Cost Range
Paint, caulking, minor drywall touch-ups	\$500 - \$2,000
New vanity faucet, toilet, and accessories	\$750 - \$2,500
Light fixture replacement	\$300 - \$1,200

Mirror replacement	\$200 - \$1,000
Basic vanity replacement	\$1,000 - \$3,500
Prefab vanity top	\$400 - \$1,500
Basic flooring update	\$1,500 - \$4,500
Minor trim / baseboard work	\$500 - \$1,500

Best fit: Rental properties, powder rooms, guest baths, or homeowners wanting a cleaner look without a full gut remodel.

Remodel Level 2 - Standard Bathroom Remodel

Budget Range	Typical Size
\$15,000 - \$30,000	40 - 100 sq. ft.

This is a more complete remodel where most visible finishes are replaced, but the bathroom layout remains mostly the same. This may include new floor tile, a new vanity, new toilet, updated lighting, fixture replacement, and a new tub/shower or shower system.

Common Item Included	Typical Cost Range
Demo and disposal	\$1,500 - \$4,000
Floor tile installation	\$2,500 - \$7,500
Vanity cabinet	\$1,500 - \$5,000
Vanity countertop	\$700 - \$3,500
Sink, faucet, and plumbing trim	\$750 - \$2,500
Toilet replacement	\$500 - \$1,200
Tub/shower replacement or basic shower update	\$5,000 - \$12,000
Lighting, fan, and electrical updates	\$1,000 - \$3,500
Drywall patching and paint	\$1,000 - \$3,000
Finish hardware and accessories	\$500 - \$2,000

Best fit: Hall bathrooms, standard full bathrooms, and smaller primary bathrooms where the homeowner wants a clean, updated, long-lasting result without major layout changes.

Remodel Level 3 - Full Master / Primary Bathroom Remodel

Budget Range	Typical Size
\$30,000 - \$55,000	80 - 160 sq. ft.

This is the range where many professional master bathroom remodels land when the project includes a custom tile shower, new vanity/cabinetry, countertop, updated plumbing fixtures, lighting, flooring, waterproofing, and a higher level of finish detail.

Common Item Included	Typical Cost Range
Full demo and debris removal	\$3,000 - \$7,500
Custom tile shower	\$10,000 - \$25,000
Shower waterproofing system	Usually included in tile shower; \$2,000 - \$6,000 if separated
Shower niche, bench, and accent tile	\$1,000 - \$5,000

Shower valve and fixture upgrade	\$1,200 - \$4,500
Shower glass door or panel	\$1,500 - \$5,500
Bathroom floor tile	\$4,000 - \$10,000
Double vanity cabinet	\$3,500 - \$10,000
Quartz, granite, or solid-surface countertop	\$1,500 - \$5,000
Sinks, faucets, drains, and supply lines	\$1,200 - \$4,000
Lighting, switches, outlets, and bath fan	\$1,500 - \$5,000
Drywall repair, trim, and paint	\$2,000 - \$5,000
Heated floor system	\$1,500 - \$5,000
Project management, protection, and cleanup	\$2,500 - \$7,500

Best fit: Homeowners who want a high-quality master bathroom with better function, upgraded finishes, a custom shower, and long-term durability.

Remodel Level 4 - Premium Custom Master Bathroom

Budget Range	Typical Size
\$55,000 - \$85,000+	120 - 220 sq. ft.

This level includes a higher-end finish package, more customization, possible layout changes, upgraded plumbing, custom cabinetry, frameless glass, heated tile floors, designer lighting, large-format tile, premium shower features, and more detailed finish work.

Common Item Included	Typical Cost Range
Full demo to framing/subfloor where needed	\$5,000 - \$10,000
Plumbing relocation	\$3,000 - \$12,000+
Drain relocation	\$1,500 - \$5,000+
Electrical upgrades and lighting layout changes	\$3,000 - \$8,000+
Large custom tile shower	\$18,000 - \$35,000+
Curbless / zero-entry shower upgrade	\$5,000 - \$12,000+ additional
Multiple shower heads, rain head, or body sprays	\$2,500 - \$10,000+
Frameless shower glass	\$3,000 - \$8,000+
Custom cabinetry	\$8,000 - \$18,000+
Stone or quartz countertops	\$2,500 - \$7,500+
Heated floors	\$2,000 - \$6,000+
Freestanding tub and tub filler	\$3,000 - \$10,000+
Premium tile flooring	\$6,000 - \$15,000+
Specialty trim, paint, and finish carpentry	\$3,000 - \$8,000+

Best fit: Homeowners wanting a true custom master bathroom with a premium look, better storage, spa-like comfort, and a higher-end finished product.

Remodel Level 5 - Luxury / Spa-Level Bathroom Remodel

Budget Range	Typical Size
\$85,000 - \$125,000+	160 - 250+ sq. ft.

This level is for major bathroom transformations. These projects may include structural changes, expanded footprints, premium tile, custom cabinetry, oversized showers, steam showers, wet rooms, smart controls, heated floors, luxury plumbing fixtures, custom lighting plans, and a full design-build approach.

Common Item Included	Typical Cost Range
Steam shower system	\$8,000 - \$25,000+
Wet room design	\$15,000 - \$40,000+
Large-format tile or slab shower walls	\$15,000 - \$45,000+
Full custom cabinetry package	\$12,000 - \$25,000+
Premium natural stone / quartzite	\$5,000 - \$15,000+
Smart toilet / bidet toilet	\$1,500 - \$7,000+
Heated towel warmer	\$500 - \$2,500
Designer lighting package	\$3,000 - \$10,000+
Built-in linen storage	\$2,500 - \$8,000+
Major layout rework	\$10,000 - \$30,000+

Best fit: Homeowners wanting a true spa-level bathroom with luxury finishes, custom storage, advanced shower features, and a highly detailed finished product.

Common Bathroom Remodel Cost Categories

Category	Typical Range	Notes
1. Demolition and Jobsite Protection	\$1,500 - \$8,000+	Includes floor protection, dust control, plastic barriers where needed, removal of old tile, vanities, mirrors, tubs, showers, toilets, trim, drywall where necessary, and debris disposal. Higher costs usually come from heavy tile demolition, mud-bed shower removal, cast iron tubs, second-floor access, tight work areas, or hidden water damage.
2. Shower Remodels	\$7,500 - \$35,000+	Tile showers are more expensive because they require proper framing, substrate, waterproofing, slope, drain work, layout planning, tile setting, grout, sealant, and finish details.
3. Bathroom Floor Tile	\$2,500 - \$12,000+	Cost depends on tile size, layout pattern, subfloor condition, leveling, waterproofing or uncoupling membrane, heated floor installation, transitions, grout selection, and finish expectations.
4. Heated Bathroom Floors	\$1,500 - \$5,000+	Electric heated bathroom floors commonly add cost for heating mats or cables, thermostat, electrical connection, underlayment, and coordination with tile installation. Larger bathrooms, smart thermostats, additional circuits, or floor leveling can increase the price.

5. Vanities, Cabinets, and Built-In Storage	\$1,500 - \$18,000+	Cabinet cost depends on size, wood species, door style, drawer layout, painted or stained finish, hardware, linen towers, custom storage, and whether the countertop is included.
6. Countertops and Vanity Tops	\$700 - \$7,500+	Countertop cost depends on material, slab selection, fabrication, edge profile, sink cutouts, faucet holes, backsplash pieces, install access, and the number of vanities.
7. Plumbing Fixtures and Plumbing Changes	\$1,500 - \$15,000+	Plumbing relocation is one of the biggest cost drivers in a bathroom remodel. Moving a drain, toilet, shower valve, or vanity plumbing can require subfloor work, framing changes, concrete work, wall access, inspections, and additional finish repairs.
8. Electrical, Lighting, and Ventilation	\$1,500 - \$10,000+	Electrical cost depends on access, attic or crawlspace conditions, existing wiring, GFCI protection, code requirements, new lighting layout, heated floors, mirrors with lights, exhaust fans, and smart controls.
9. Drywall, Paint, Trim, and Finish Work	\$1,500 - \$8,000+	Includes drywall patching, moisture-resistant drywall where appropriate, priming, painting, baseboards, shoe molding, casing, caulking, nail filling, and final touch-ups.
10. Mirrors, Accessories, and Final Details	\$500 - \$5,000+	These items are often smaller individually, but together they can add thousands to the final project cost.

Detailed Category Examples

Shower Remodels

Shower Type	Typical Cost Range
Basic fiberglass shower replacement	\$5,000 - \$10,000
Standard tiled shower	\$10,000 - \$18,000
Custom tiled shower with niche / bench	\$15,000 - \$28,000
Large walk-in shower with frameless glass	\$20,000 - \$35,000+
Curbless shower	\$25,000 - \$45,000+
Steam shower / luxury shower	\$35,000 - \$60,000+

Bathroom Floor Tile

Floor Size	Typical Cost Range
25 - 40 sq. ft.	\$2,000 - \$5,000
50 - 75 sq. ft.	\$3,500 - \$8,000
100 - 150 sq. ft.	\$6,000 - \$12,000+

Vanities, Cabinets, and Built-In Storage

Cabinet / Vanity Type	Typical Cost Range
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Small prefab vanity	\$800 - \$2,500
Mid-range vanity	\$2,500 - \$5,000
Double vanity	\$3,500 - \$10,000
Semi-custom cabinetry	\$5,000 - \$12,000
Full custom cabinetry package	\$10,000 - \$20,000+
Linen cabinet / tower storage	\$1,500 - \$6,000+

Countertops and Vanity Tops

Countertop Type	Typical Cost Range
Cultured marble / prefab top	\$400 - \$1,500
Solid surface	\$1,000 - \$3,500
Granite	\$1,500 - \$5,000
Quartz	\$1,500 - \$6,000+
Quartzite / premium stone	\$3,500 - \$10,000+

Plumbing Fixtures and Plumbing Changes

Plumbing Scope	Typical Cost Range
Replace toilet, faucets, drains, and supply lines	\$1,000 - \$3,500
New shower valve and trim	\$1,200 - \$4,500
Add rain head or second shower head	\$1,500 - \$5,000+
Relocate vanity plumbing	\$1,500 - \$5,000+
Relocate shower valve or drain	\$2,500 - \$8,000+
Major plumbing layout change	\$5,000 - \$15,000+

Electrical, Lighting, and Ventilation

Electrical Scope	Typical Cost Range
Replace vanity lights	\$300 - \$1,200
Add LED recessed lighting	\$800 - \$3,500
Add or relocate switches/outlets	\$750 - \$3,000
Upgrade bath fan	\$500 - \$2,000
Heated floor electrical connection	\$500 - \$2,000
Larger lighting/electrical rework	\$3,000 - \$10,000+

Mirrors, Accessories, and Final Details

Finish Item	Typical Cost Range
Standard mirror	\$200 - \$800
Custom mirror	\$800 - \$2,500+
Lighted mirror	\$500 - \$3,000+
Towel bars, robe hooks, and TP holder	\$250 - \$1,000
Shower shelves, niches, and accessories	\$500 - \$2,500

Glass shower hardware upgrades	\$500 - \$2,500+
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What Drives the Price Up?

1. Moving plumbing, especially shower drains, toilets, and vanity lines.
2. Custom tile showers, including waterproofing, layout, niche work, benches, and glass.
3. Hidden damage such as rot, mold, leaking pans, bad subfloor, or previous poor workmanship.
4. Cabinet and countertop selections, especially custom cabinetry and premium stone tops.
5. Electrical upgrades such as heated floors, LED lighting, fans, outlets, smart mirrors, and code updates.
6. Large-format or specialty tile, which requires more prep, more layout time, and more precision.
7. Curbless showers or wet rooms, which require subfloor planning, drain coordination, and detailed waterproofing.
8. High-end fixtures such as rain heads, body sprays, freestanding tub fillers, smart toilets, and specialty valves.
9. Access and layout challenges such as second-floor bathrooms, tight hallways, limited staging area, or older-home conditions.
10. Premium finish expectations, which require more time for layout, protection, detail work, cleanup, and final punch-out.

Client Talking Points for Walk-Throughs

- A bathroom remodel is not priced only by square footage. Bathrooms are small, but they involve several trades and a high level of detail.
- A lower-cost update usually keeps the same layout and focuses on visible finishes. A full remodel usually includes demolition, tile, waterproofing, plumbing, electrical, cabinetry, counters, paint, glass, and finish hardware.
- A custom tile shower is one of the most expensive parts of a bathroom because the work behind the tile matters just as much as the tile you see. Proper waterproofing, slope, drain placement, framing, and layout are what make the shower last.
- Moving plumbing can significantly increase cost. Keeping the toilet, vanity, and shower drain close to their existing locations usually helps control the budget.
- Cabinetry and countertops can range from basic prefab pieces to full custom cabinet packages with stone tops. Storage towers, drawer banks, linen cabinets, and premium hardware all affect the final cost.
- Heated floors are a comfort upgrade that many homeowners love, but they require planning for the electrical connection, thermostat, tile layout, and underlayment.
- Hidden damage is common in bathrooms. Leaking showers, failed grout, bad caulking, rotten subfloor, water-damaged drywall, and previous poor repairs can affect the final scope.

Recommended Budget Allowance by Project Goal

Homeowner Goal	Suggested Budget Range
I just want it cleaned up and updated.	\$6,000 - \$15,000
I want a nice standard bathroom remodel.	\$15,000 - \$30,000
I want a full master bathroom remodel.	\$30,000 - \$55,000
I want a custom, higher-end master bathroom.	\$55,000 - \$85,000
I want a luxury spa-style bathroom.	\$85,000 - \$125,000+

What Is Usually Not Included Until Final Scope Is Confirmed

The following items may not be included in a preliminary budget range unless specifically listed in a written proposal:

- Permit fees
- Engineering or structural design

- Major framing changes
- Major plumbing relocation
- Major electrical service upgrades
- Mold remediation
- Extensive rot repair
- Subfloor replacement
- Concrete cutting or slab plumbing changes
- Custom glass beyond standard allowance
- Premium tile upgrades
- Luxury plumbing fixtures
- Cabinetry upgrades beyond allowance
- Countertop upgrades beyond allowance
- Wall removal or layout expansion
- Unexpected code corrections
- Client-added scope after the project begins

Source List / Fact-Check References

The pricing ranges in this handout were benchmarked against current industry cost guides and remodeling market references. Pricing was then organized into practical client-facing ranges for bathroom remodel conversations.

Source	How It Was Used	URL
JLC / Remodeling Magazine - 2025 Cost vs. Value Report	Used for national benchmark pricing on midrange, universal design, and upscale bathroom remodels.	https://www.jlconline.com/cost-vs-value/2025/
HomeGuide - Bathroom Remodel Cost / Master Bathroom Remodel Cost	Used for cost-per-square-foot ranges and primary/master bathroom remodel ranges.	https://homeguide.com/costs/bathroom-remodel-cost https://homeguide.com/costs/master-bathroom-remodel-cost
Angi - Bathroom Remodel Cost	Used for bathroom remodel cost-per-square-foot ranges and size-based pricing examples.	https://www.angi.com/articles/how-much-does-bathroom-remodel-cost.htm
NerdWallet - Bathroom Remodel Cost	Used for broad bathroom remodel range references and high-end remodel benchmarks.	https://www.nerdwallet.com/home-ownership/home-improvement/learn/bathroom-remodel-cost
HomeAdvisor - Bathroom Remodel Cost	Used for general average remodel cost ranges and market comparison.	https://www.homeadvisor.com/cost/bathrooms/remodel-a-bathroom/
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Angi / HomeAdvisor - Vanity Countertops and Quartz Countertop Cost Guides	Used for vanity top replacement ranges and installed quartz countertop pricing.	https://www.angi.com/articles/if-i-get-pre-made-new-vanity-top-sink-built-how-much-should-it-cost-remove-old-one-and.htm https://www.homeadvisor.com/cost/cabinets-and-countertops/quartz-countertops/
Modernize - Shower Remodel Cost	Used for shower remodel, walk-in shower, and replacement shower cost references.	https://modernize.com/bathroom-remodel/shower/cost-calculator

Final Note

This guide is meant to help homeowners understand realistic pricing before final design and selections are complete. The most accurate estimate comes after confirming the layout, measuring the space, reviewing plumbing/electrical needs, evaluating hidden conditions, and selecting tile, fixtures, cabinetry, countertops, glass, lighting, and finish details.