



7 COSTLY MISTAKES

Homeowners Make Before Starting a Remodel Project

Starting a construction or remodeling project is exciting—but without the right preparation, it can quickly become stressful and expensive.

This guide outlines the most common mistakes homeowners make before construction begins and how to avoid them so your project stays on track, on budget, and built to last.



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MISTAKE 1

Choosing a Contractor Without Verifying Credentials

Hiring without checking licensing, insurance, and experience can lead to major risks. Always verify credentials and ask for examples of past work.

MISTAKE 2

Underestimating Project Timelines

Construction projects often take longer than expected due to materials, inspections, and weather. A realistic timeline prevents frustration.

MISTAKE 3

Not Defining Project Scope

Unclear expectations lead to change orders and added costs. Detailed planning upfront protects your budget.

MISTAKE 7

Your home should work for you today and tomorrow. Consider future needs when designing your project.

MISTAKE 4

Skipping Permits and Inspections

Permits aren't optional. Skipping them can result in fines, delays, and issues when selling your home.

MISTAKE 5

Choosing the Lowest Bid Instead of the Best Value

The cheapest option often costs more in the long run. Quality workmanship and materials matter.

MISTAKE 6

Poor Communication Expectations

Clear communication keeps projects running smoothly. Know how and when updates will be shared.