



BATHROOM REMODEL CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to prepare for your bathroom remodel and avoid surprises. Complete as many items as possible **before** work begins.

Planning & Goals

- Define goals (function, style, value, accessibility)
- Decide remodel type (cosmetic, partial, full)
- Identify must-haves vs. nice-to-haves
- Decide if layout changes are needed

Budget & Costs

- Set total budget comfort zone
- Understand typical remodel cost ranges
- Allocate budget by category
- Include 10-15% contingency for hidden costs
- Understand labor vs. material costs

Contractor Selection

- Verify bathroom-specific experience
- Review detailed scope of work
- Ask about waterproofing and prep methods
- Confirm licensing and insurance
- Review warranty and workmanship guarantees

Permits & Compliance

- Confirm if permits are required
- Clarify who pulls permits
- Account for inspections and fees

Shower / Tub Decisions

- Choose shower, tub, or tub-to-shower conversion
- Understand cost differences between options
- Select shower base, walls, and glass type

Plumbing & Electrical

- Finalize fixture locations early
- Select shower valves and controls
- Plan lighting, outlets, and ventilation
- Understand possible plumbing/electrical upgrades

Flooring

- Choose bathroom-appropriate flooring
- Understand subfloor inspection and prep
- Plan transitions and moisture protection

Vanity & Countertops

- Select vanity size and storage needs
- Decide stock vs. custom
- Choose countertop material
- Understand quartz vs. granite price ranges

Materials & Allowances

- Review allowance amounts carefully
- Finalize selections before demolition
- Understand how overages are handled

Timeline & Logistics

- Confirm start date and duration
- Understand delay risks
- Plan for limited bathroom access
- Establish communication plan

Final Review

- Review final pricing and payment schedule
- Confirm purchasing responsibilities
- Review change order process
- Feel confident before work begins

Final Reminder

A successful bathroom remodel starts with planning. This checklist helps align expectations, control costs, and ensure a smoother experience from start to finish.