



BATHROOM REMODELING CHECKLIST



Assess your needs

- ☐ Measure the dimensions of your current bathroom
- ☐ Make comparisons with what your neighbors have (This helps assure that your home's value is in line with the neighborhood.)
- ☐ Decide what features you like about your current bathroom and what you'd like to change



Plan your project

- ☐ List all your bathroom remodeling goals
- ☐ Create an idea folder for your dream bathroom remodeling project
- ☐ Determine what your top priorities are
- ☐ Plan for alternate facilities while your bathroom is being worked on



Determine your project budget

- ☐ Add 20% if you intend to hire an interior designer
- ☐ Set an additional 20% for contingency expenses

For a full bathroom remodel, expect the following breakdown:

- ☐ Labor: **20%**
- ☐ Cabinetry and hardware: **16%**
- ☐ Fixtures: **15%**
- ☐ Faucets and plumbing: **14%**
- ☐ Countertop: **7%**
- ☐ Floor: **9%**
- ☐ Doors and windows: **4%**
- ☐ Walls and ceiling: **5%**
- ☐ Lighting and ventilation: **5%**
- ☐ Design fees: **4%**
- ☐ Other: **1%**

FEATURES TO CONSIDER

Walls

- ☐ Paint color
- ☐ Switch placement
- ☐ Waterproofing
- ☐ Tiling options
- ☐ Wainscoting

Cabinets

- ☐ New
- ☐ Refaced
- ☐ Restored

Vanity

- ☐ Mirrors
- ☐ Medicine cabinet

Countertop types

- ☐ Granite
- ☐ Marble
- ☐ Manufactured quartz
- ☐ Formica
- ☐ Silestone
- ☐ Caesarstone
- ☐ Laminate
- ☐ Ceramic tile

Sink types

- ☐ Integrated or 3-hole setup
- ☐ Under-mount
- ☐ Single or double bowl
- ☐ Drop-in
- ☐ Wall-mounted

Sink materials

- ☐ Glass
- ☐ Hammered bronze
- ☐ Marble
- ☐ Copper
- ☐ Wood
- ☐ Vitreous porcelain
- ☐ Cultured Marble

Sink features

- ☐ Faucet
- ☐ Soap dispenser

Bathroom fixtures

- ☐ Chrome
- ☐ Oil-rubbed bronze
- ☐ Brass
- ☐ Brushed nickel
- ☐ Steel

Tub

- ☐ Conventional
- ☐ Freestanding
- ☐ On platform
- ☐ Garden
- ☐ Tub liners
- ☐ No tub?
- ☐ Integrated
- ☐ In alcove
- ☐ Soaking
- ☐ Whirlpool or Jacuzzi
- ☐ Resurfacing





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FEATURES Continued.

Tub materials

- ☐ Enamel-on-steel ☐ Cast iron
- ☐ Acrylic ☐ Fiberglass gel coat
- ☐ Composite ☐ Wood
- ☐ Cultured marble

Shower types

- ☐ One-piece shower unit
- ☐ Glass shower doors and frames
- ☐ Synthetic panels (vinyl, plastic, acrylic or PVC)
- ☐ Tile (porcelain, granite and other stones, ceramic or glass)
- ☐ Glass block

Toilet types

- ☐ Existing ☐ New ☐ Used

Safety and accessibility options

- ☐ Walk-in tub ☐ Grab bars
- ☐ Shower seating ☐ Non-slip flooring
- ☐ Stronger towel bars ☐ Special-height toilet
- ☐ GFCI outlets

Flooring types

- ☐ Ceramic tile ☐ Vinyl ☐ Carpeting
- ☐ Hardwood ☐ Laminate ☐ Linoleum
- ☐ Heated

Lighting and electrical

- ☐ Wall sconces ☐ Strip lights ☐ Recessed
- ☐ Heat lamp ☐ Exhaust fan

Extras

- ☐ Bidet ☐ Television



Hire a contractor

The scope of your remodel project and your own expertise will determine whether you DIY, hire a contractor who specializes in bathroom remodeling or hire specialists to do each aspect of the work.

- ☐ Research reviews, ratings, and licensing of local bathroom remodeling contractors using Angie's List
- ☐ Narrow your list and getting three detailed written estimates
- ☐ Interview contractors and ask about their experience on projects similar to yours, whether they have in-house employees or subcontractors
- ☐ Use Angie's List License Check tool to verify the contractors' license in your state
- ☐ Check their contractor or trade license if required
- ☐ Verify their references from previous bathroom remodeling jobs and ask whether they cleaned up the job site daily



TIP: Some disreputable contractors will fake their certificate insurance, so get it directly from the contractor's insurance company.



Review the contract

Make sure the contract contains the following elements:

- ☐ Detailed project description
- ☐ Materials to be used
- ☐ Brand-names of products
- ☐ Quality level of materials
- ☐ Responsible party for pulling permits and submitting paperwork for inspections, if necessary
- ☐ Start and finish dates for phases and overall project
- ☐ Payment amounts and due dates
- ☐ The contractor's insurance coverage information and property damage liability
- ☐ Warranties and guarantees for craftsmanship and the final product
- ☐ A lien waiver for material suppliers or subcontractors



TIP: As a general rule, never pay more than 1/3 of a project's overall cost as down payment or deposit.



TIP: Some homeowners will include daily penalties to the contractor's payment for every day the project a project phase goes over deadline.

Make sure the job's done correctly

- ☐ As the contractor finishes the project, make up a punch list
- ☐ Do not make final payment until the contractor has completed it

