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1. Who is responsible for controlling dust and cleaning up the messes?

2. Who's going to put plastic up on doorways, cover vents?

3. Who's going to cover furniture and other valuables?

4. What areas of the home are off limits or require special permission?

5. Is there a bathroom in the house that's available for use by the workers, or do we need a portable toilet?

6. What days and hours are reasonable for work?

7. How early and how late is it acceptable for loud noise?

8. Where will materials and tools be kept?

9. Where will buckets and brushes be cleaned?

10. At any point during the renovation should we anticipate dangerous fumes or odors?



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11. Are there any times we should plan to leave the house for a few days?

12. How will the grass and landscaping be protected?

13. Who's responsible if damage to the driveway or the landscaping occurs?

14. Who's responsible for protecting interior items such as furniture, flooring, cabinets and appliances?

15. Who will be responsible for any damage that may occur?

16. Who will be responsible for unlocking and locking the house when you're not there?

17. Who will provide advance notice on turning off the water, the power, the heat or other inconveniences?

18. Where will the workers park?

19. Where will deliveries be made?

20. Is loud music and profanity on the jobsite expected or considered acceptable?