

Remodeling Planning Checklist



PROPERTY INFORMATION

Homeowners

Phone:

Address:

Mobile/Text

Email

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Notes

PRE-REMODELING HOME INSPECTION

Hire a Professional Home Inspector to review the safety and condition of the home including the following:

☐ HVAC, electrical, and plumbing

☐ Foundations and structural components

☐ Driveway, walks, patios, porches, and decks

☐ Sewers, septic, drains and utility connections

☐ Roofing, gutters, exterior finishes, windows, doors and flashings

☐ Walls, floors, ceilings, and attics

☐ Radon, lead, mold, and termites

Hire a Professional Engineer to analyze structural integrity and impact of planned renovation and/or expansion:

Changing walls, floor loads, ceilings, roof framing, windows, doors, openings, etc.

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PLANNING AND DESIGN INFORMATION

Identify changing needs, both short term and long term

Determine "Must Do's"

Identify "Should Do's"

Explore "Like to Do's"

Collect design ideas, photos, links

Take measurements of rooms, walls, cabinets, etc.

Hire someone to create floor plans and virtual walk-through

Hire online design service, augmented reality visualizations

Lay out furniture on plans or full scale on floor with painter's tape

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DEVELOP PRELIMINARY DESIGN

- ☐ Preliminary drawings, renderings, and visualizations
- ☐ Preliminary specifications for products, materials, and finishes
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- ☐ Include photos showing examples of design ideas, products, finishes and details
- ☐ Provide photos, videos, and measurements of home for contractors and suppliers
- ☐ Compile Rough Cost Estimates

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ELECTRICAL

- ☐ Main service, subpanels, and meters
- ☐ Replacement of old wiring and outdated equipment
- ☐ Electrical outlets, lighting, switches, and dimmers
- ☐ Home theater and audio system
- ☐ Home security system
- ☐ Internet service, ethernet, and Wi-Fi
- ☐ Appliances, fixtures, and other equipment
- ☐ Exterior lighting, outlets, switches, post lamps and security lighting

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HVAC / ENERGY EFFICIENCY / GREEN CONSTRUCTION

- ☐ HVAC systems and air quality
- ☐ Insulation, air infiltration, moisture control, ventilation
- ☐ Smart home controls, thermostats, and apps
- ☐ Windows, doors, and skylights
- ☐ Fans, vents and ERV's
- ☐ Energy audit and HERS rating
- ☐ Solar and alternative energy systems
- ☐ Green materials and methods

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PLUMBING

- ☐ Replacement of old piping, valves, and equipment
- ☐ New plumbing to service kitchen and bathroom renovation
- ☐ Water heaters and distribution systems
- ☐ Gas lines for appliances, fireplaces, heating, barbeques, and fire pits
- ☐ Exterior water features, landscape irrigation, hot tub, etc.
- ☐ Faucets, sinks, tubs, toilets, disposal, and accessories

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HOME SITE / LANDSCAPING

- ☐ Grading, drainage, and storm sewers, well and septic
- ☐ New landscaping, tree removal, and protection of existing landscaping
- ☐ Driveway, walks, patios, porches, and decks
- ☐ Pool, hot tub, and water features
- ☐ Fencing, hedges, sound barriers, and privacy features
- ☐ Survey, lot lines, setback requirements, height restrictions
- ☐ Accessory Buildings, ADU, and other outdoor structures

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GENERAL INTERIOR DETAILS

- ☐ Flooring, wall, and ceiling finishes
- ☐ Interior paint, stain, and special wall treatments
- ☐ Flooring replacement and repair
- ☐ Interior doors, slider, pocket, bifold, mirrored and others
- ☐ Locksets and finish hardware
- ☐ Stair finishes, balusters, and railings
- ☐ Drywall, plaster, ceiling repairs and finishing
- ☐ Moldings, cabinets, tops, and built-ins
- ☐ Window treatments, blinds, and draperies
- ☐ Fireplaces, hearths, mantles, surrounds, glass doors and accessories
- ☐ Closets, built-ins, and storage

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KITCHEN

<input type="checkbox"/>	Kitchen Layout
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flooring, repair, replacement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Appliances
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cabinets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cabinet hardware and accessories
<input type="checkbox"/>	Countertops
<input type="checkbox"/>	Counter stools, shelves, wall hooks, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sinks, faucets, fixtures
<input type="checkbox"/>	Backsplash
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plumbing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pantry, closets, additional storage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eating Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Custom built-ins
<input type="checkbox"/>	Paint, stain, and special wall treatments
<input type="checkbox"/>	Windows, doors, trims
<input type="checkbox"/>	Window treatments, blinds, and draperies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Locksets and finish hardware
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stair finishes, balusters, and railings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drywall, plaster, ceiling repairs and finishing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water filtration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fireplaces, hearths, mantles, surrounds, glass doors and accessories

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BATHROOMS

- ☐ Fixtures, faucets, bars, and hooks
- ☐ Bathtub and shower doors, curtains, and rods
- ☐ Cabinets, tops, and built-ins, closets, and storage
- ☐ Flooring, wall, ceiling, tub, and shower finishes
- ☐ Electrical outlets, lighting, and switches
- ☐ Internet service, TV, and telephone wiring
- ☐ Windows, doors, natural light, and ventilation
- ☐ Mirrors, furniture, wall art, decorations, and accessories

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BEDROOMS

- ☐ Flooring, wall, and ceiling finishes
- ☐ Electrical outlets, lighting, and switches
- ☐ Internet service, TV, and telephone wiring
- ☐ Cabinets, shelves, desks, and built-ins
- ☐ Closets and storage
- ☐ Doors, windows, egress, natural light, and ventilation
- ☐ Furniture, wall art, decorations, and accessories
- ☐ Insulation and sound proofing

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HOME OFFICE

- ☐ Flooring, wall, and ceiling finishes
- ☐ Electrical outlets, lighting, and switches
- ☐ Internet service, TV, and telephone wiring
- ☐ Cabinets, shelves, desks, and built-ins
- ☐ Windows, doors, natural light and ventilation
- ☐ Furniture, wall art, decorations, and accessories
- ☐ Closets and storage

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LAUNDRY

- ☐ Flooring, wall, and ceiling finishes
- ☐ Electrical outlets, lighting, and switches
- ☐ Internet service, TV, and telephone wiring
- ☐ Cabinets, shelves, desks, and built-ins
- ☐ Washer, dryer, and accessories
- ☐ Ironing board, clothes sorting, folding, and hanging
- ☐ Closets and storage
- ☐ Windows, doors, natural light, and ventilation
- ☐ Furniture, wall art, decorations, and accessories

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FITNESS AREA

- ☐ Fitness equipment and layout
- ☐ Electrical outlets, lighting, and switches
- ☐ Flooring, wall, and ceiling finishes
- ☐ Wall racks, shelves, and storage for fitness gear
- ☐ Internet service, TV, and telephone wiring
- ☐ Windows, natural light, and ventilation
- ☐ Furniture, wall art, mirrors, decorations, and accessories

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BASEMENT

- ☐ Electrical outlets, lighting, and switches
- ☐ Flooring, wall finishes and ceilings
- ☐ Wall partitions, exterior wall finish
- ☐ Insulation and sound proofing
- ☐ Doors, windows, egress, natural light, and ventilation
- ☐ Cabinets, shelves, and built-ins, closets, and storage
- ☐ Internet service, TV, and telephone wiring
- ☐ Furniture, wall art, decorations, and accessories

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GARAGE

- ☐ Flooring, wall, and ceiling finishes
- ☐ Cabinets, storage, wall brackets and shelving
- ☐ Floor repair or finish
- ☐ Lighting, electrical outlets
- ☐ Work bench, hobby area and equipment
- ☐ Overhead door and operator

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OTHER ACTIVITIES AND REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Zoning Department restrictions, variances, and permit requirements
- ☐ Building Department design, engineering and permit requirements
- ☐ Health Department design, engineering and permit requirements
- ☐ Homeowners Association restrictions and design, engineering and permit requirements
- ☐ Site design, survey, engineering, drainage, erosion protection, and permit requirements
- ☐ Homeowners insurance, construction, risk and liability coverage
- ☐ Contractor references, licensing, bonding, and insurance requirements
- ☐ Utility line, connections, trenching and fees
- ☐ Architectural approval from community, home owners association and/or developer
- ☐ Demolition, trash removal

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