

# Bathroom Remodeling Checklist

*Crafted by Better Remodels Experts with 25 Years of Experience*

Remodeling a bathroom is an exciting journey that can completely transform the feel and functionality of your space. With over 25 years of experience, Better Remodels has honed the process of bathroom remodeling to ensure the highest quality results while making the experience as smooth and enjoyable as possible for you. Use this comprehensive checklist to guide you through each step of the remodeling process, from planning to final touches.



## Planning & Budgeting

- **Define Your Goals:** What are your primary objectives? (e.g., increased storage, improved functionality, style update)
- **Establish Your Budget:** Consider labor, materials, permits, and unexpected costs.
- **Design Style:** Choose a design that suits your personal taste—contemporary, traditional, rustic, minimalist, etc.
- **Research Contractors:** Do you need a general contractor or will you hire specialists for plumbing, electrical, or tiling? Ask for references and read reviews.
- **Permits:** Check local codes and regulations to ensure necessary permits are obtained, particularly for plumbing and electrical work.



## Design & Layout

- **Floor Plan Review:** Is the current layout working? Should you move fixtures around or keep them in the same place?
- **Space Planning:** Evaluate space for new additions such as a larger shower, dual vanities, or a soaking tub.
- **Storage Needs:** Consider vanity options, medicine cabinets, or shelving for added storage.
- **Lighting Plan:** Incorporate ambient, task, and accent lighting. Think about sconces, overhead lights, and vanity lighting.
- **Aesthetic Choices:** Select colors, tiles, countertops, and finishes that complement your desired style.



## Materials Selection

- **Flooring:** Choose durable, water-resistant materials like porcelain tiles, vinyl, or natural stone.
- **Wall Finishes:** Opt for waterproof paint or tiles for areas exposed to water.
- **Shower/Bath Enclosure:** Glass shower doors, tubs, and high-quality materials will elevate the space.
- **Countertops:** Consider materials like granite, quartz, or marble for a balance of beauty and durability.
- **Fixtures & Hardware:** Select faucets, showerheads, and towel bars that complement your style. Brushed nickel, chrome, or matte black are popular finishes.



## Demolition & Preparation

- **Remove Existing Fixtures:** This includes old cabinets, countertops, flooring, and outdated fixtures.
- **Check for Water Damage:** Look for leaks or mold growth, particularly around the sink, shower, and toilet.
- **Ensure Proper Ventilation:** Upgrade your exhaust fan if needed, especially if moisture is a concern.
- **Update Plumbing & Electrical:** If you're reconfiguring your layout or upgrading fixtures, these systems may need to be updated to meet code requirements.



## Installation

- **Plumbing and Electrical Work:** Begin with any changes to plumbing or electrical systems. This may include moving pipes or wiring for new fixtures.
- **Framing:** If you're changing the layout (e.g., adding a new shower or creating a separate water closet), framing will be done first.
- **Flooring Installation:** Tile, vinyl, or stone should be installed next, ensuring everything is waterproof and level.
- **Wall Installation:** Install tiles or apply the finish chosen for the walls (paint, wallpaper, etc.)
- **Fixture Installation:** Install the toilet, sink, shower, bath, and any built-in shelving or cabinetry.



## Finishing Touches

- **Grouting & Sealing:** Ensure all tiles are properly grouted and sealed, particularly in wet areas like the shower.
- **Caulking:** Apply caulking around the bathtub, sink, and shower to prevent water infiltration.
- **Install Mirrors & Cabinets:** Place mirrors and storage solutions, such as vanity mirrors, medicine cabinets, or shelving units.
- **Lighting Fixtures:** Install your chosen light fixtures, ensuring proper wiring and placement for optimal lighting.
- **Hardware:** Attach all hardware such as faucets, towel racks, showerheads, and cabinet handles.
- **Paint Touch-ups:** Ensure walls are properly painted and all details are tidy.



## Final Inspection & Walkthrough

- **Check Functionality:** Test all plumbing and electrical work. Ensure all fixtures are functioning properly—turn on faucets, check for leaks, and ensure lighting works.
- **Cleaning:** Clean the space thoroughly after installation, including wiping down surfaces, removing construction debris, and disinfecting high-touch areas.
- **Warranty Check:** Confirm warranties for major items like plumbing fixtures, countertops, and appliances.
- **Final Inspection:** Conduct a final inspection to ensure everything meets your expectations.





## Enjoy Your New Bathroom!

- Decorate: Add accessories like rugs, towels, plants, or artwork to personalize your space.
- Ongoing Maintenance: Regularly clean your bathroom and check for leaks or wear and tear. Maintain your grout and seals to ensure longevity.



### Pro Tip from Better Remodels Experts:

*The key to a successful bathroom remodel is blending practicality with style. Focus on selecting timeless materials and fixtures that not only look great but stand up to everyday use. Don't forget to factor in storage solutions—often an afterthought—since they play a major role in keeping your bathroom functional.*

**With this checklist in hand, you're ready to start your bathroom remodel with confidence! Whether you're aiming for a simple upgrade or a complete transformation, Better Remodels' experienced team is here to guide you through every step of the way.**