Kitchen & Bath Remodel Checklist

Leverage restoration opportunities for a better home.

Based on Amazing Kitchen And Bath Remodeling by Restoration King

1. Assess Restoration Opportunity

When remodeling after damage, use the existing disruption as a chance to improve.

- ■ Evaluate if the current damage presents an opportunity to remodel.
- ■ Consider upgrading instead of just restoring to pre-loss condition.
- ■ Recognize that demolition and wall opening are already done.
- ■ Understand that the contractor already knows your home's structure and systems.
- ■ Leverage the existing crew and ongoing work for continuity.
- ■ Minimize coordination by using one contractor for restoration and remodel.

2. Kitchen Remodel Planning

Plan your kitchen remodel, considering layout, cabinets, and countertops.

- ■ Determine if layout reconfiguration is desired (e.g., moving sink, adding island).
- ■ Explore cabinet options: stock, semi-custom, or custom.
- ■ Select cabinet style based on timeline and budget.
- ■ Choose countertop material: quartz, granite, laminate, or butcher block.
- ■ Compare countertop pros and cons based on use and maintenance.
- ■ Consider the impact of countertop choice on budget and timeline.
- ■ Document insurance coverage for restoration vs. upgrades.

3. Kitchen Flooring & Details

Select appropriate flooring and enhance your kitchen with backsplashes and lighting.

- ■ Choose kitchen flooring: hardwood, tile, or luxury vinyl plank.
- ■ Evaluate flooring based on water resistance, durability, and maintenance.
- ■ Select backsplash material (tile, stone, etc.) for protection and aesthetics.
- ■ Consider backsplash layout (e.g., subway, herringbone).
- ■ Plan kitchen lighting: under-cabinet, recessed, pendant lights.
- ■ Incorporate dimmer switches for mood and task lighting.
- ■ Assess electrical needs for new outlets or circuits if applicable.

4. Bathroom Remodel Planning

Plan your bathroom remodel, focusing on space, fixtures, and functionality.

- ■ Identify desired bathroom improvements (e.g., shower size, vanity storage).

- Consider walk-in shower options for accessibility and space.
- Evaluate freestanding tub vs. shower-tub combo based on space and needs.
- Select vanity type: single, double, floating, or floor-mounted.
- Choose fixtures (faucets, showerheads) for durability and performance.
- Assess if bathroom layout needs to be reconfigured.
- Ensure the remodel addresses any pre-existing issues.

5. Bathroom Tile & Installation

Select bathroom tile carefully and prioritize proper installation for longevity.

- Choose floor tile considering slip resistance.
- Select wall tile for desired aesthetics.
- Prioritize proper waterproofing behind shower tile.
- Understand how grout color and tile layout affect appearance.
- Verify tile material suitability for wet areas.
- Confirm installer's experience with chosen tile and waterproofing methods.

6. Essential Bathroom Systems

Ensure proper ventilation and consider electrical and plumbing upgrades.

- Install an appropriately sized exhaust fan for ventilation.
- Ensure the exhaust fan is vented to the outside.
- Verify ventilation system addresses humidity and prevents mold.
- Evaluate electrical needs for new fixtures or outlets.
- Check plumbing for any necessary upgrades or rerouting.
- Confirm fan noise level is acceptable to encourage use.

7. Permits and Compliance

Understand and obtain necessary permits for remodeling work.

- Determine if permits are required for electrical work.
- Determine if permits are required for plumbing work.
- Determine if permits are required for structural changes.
- Understand the purpose of permits (safety and code compliance).
- Obtain permits before starting work.
- Ensure inspections are scheduled and completed.
- Keep permit records for future resale.

8. Living Through the Remodel

Prepare for and manage living in your home during the remodel process.

- Discuss potential disruptions with the contractor.
- Establish clear communication channels with the project manager.

- Plan for temporary kitchen or bathroom access if needed.
- Secure or protect areas not included in the remodel.
- Understand the expected project timeline.
- Be prepared for dust and noise.
- Coordinate access for workers and deliveries.

Resources & Further Reading

Use these pages while working through the checklist:

- Water Damage Restoration

https://restorationking.com

- Best Colorado Springs Mitigation Services

https://restorationking.com/mitigation-services-colorado/

- Water Damage Restoration Colorado Springs

https://restorationking.com/water-damage-restoration-colorado-springs/

- Fire Damage Restoration Colorado Springs

https://restorationking.com/fire-damage-restoration-colorado-springs/

- Mold Removal & Remediation Colorado Springs

https://restorationking.com/mold-removal-remediation-colorado-springs/

- Asbestos Removal & Testing in Colorado Springs

https://restorationking.com/asbestos-removal-testing-in-colorado-springs/

- Attic Mold Removal Colorado Springs

https://restorationking.com/attic-mold-remediation-colorado-springs/

- Crawl Space Repair & Encapsulation Colorado Springs

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