

Bathroom Remodeling Checklist

A [practical checklist](#) for planning, budgeting, selecting materials, managing construction, and completing your bathroom remodel.

Website: <https://bocaratonremodelingfl.com>

1. Planning & Scope

- ☐ Identify the main problems with the existing bathroom
 - ☐ Decide whether this is a cosmetic update, partial remodel, or full remodel
 - ☐ Write down what is included in the project
 - ☐ Write down what is excluded from the project
 - ☐ List everyone who regularly uses the bathroom
 - ☐ Consider children, guests, older adults, or users with limited mobility
 - ☐ Decide whether a tub is needed
 - ☐ Identify must-have features
 - ☐ Separate preferred upgrades from optional upgrades
 - ☐ Prioritize waterproofing, ventilation, electrical safety, plumbing, and storage before decorative upgrades
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2. Measure the Existing Bathroom

- ☐ Measure wall-to-wall dimensions
- ☐ Measure ceiling height
- ☐ Measure door size and swing
- ☐ Measure window dimensions and sill height
- ☐ Record toilet centerline
- ☐ Record existing drain locations
- ☐ Record water-supply locations
- ☐ Record outlet and switch positions
- ☐ Record exhaust fan location
- ☐ Measure vanity width, depth, and height
- ☐ Measure shower or tub dimensions
- ☐ Record floor-level changes
- ☐ Note soffits, columns, and wall projections

- ☐ Photograph every wall and existing fixture
 - ☐ Have measurements verified before ordering products
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3. Check the Proposed Layout

- ☐ Confirm the entry door opens fully
 - ☐ Confirm the shower door will not hit the toilet or vanity
 - ☐ Confirm vanity drawers and doors have enough clearance
 - ☐ Check comfortable standing and movement space
 - ☐ Make sure towels can be reached without crossing a wet floor
 - ☐ Check toilet visibility from the hallway
 - ☐ Consider future mobility and accessibility needs
 - ☐ Confirm mirror, sconces, and outlets will not conflict
 - ☐ Make sure shower controls are reachable before entering the water
 - ☐ Use painter's tape or a scaled drawing to test the layout
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4. Create the Bathroom Remodeling Budget

- ☐ Design or drafting costs
- ☐ Demolition and debris removal
- ☐ Building, plumbing, electrical, or mechanical permits
- ☐ Plumbing labor and fixtures
- ☐ Electrical work and lighting
- ☐ Exhaust fan and ductwork
- ☐ Waterproofing
- ☐ Tile, setting materials, and grout
- ☐ Vanity, countertop, sink, and faucet
- ☐ Shower glass
- ☐ Painting and trim
- ☐ Bathroom accessories
- ☐ Product delivery charges
- ☐ Temporary bathroom arrangements
- ☐ Allowance for unexpected concealed conditions
- ☐ Final cleaning
- ☐ Set aside a contingency budget

5. Compare Contractor Estimates

- ☐ Confirm who handles permits
 - ☐ Confirm demolition is included
 - ☐ Confirm debris removal is included
 - ☐ Ask what waterproofing system will be used
 - ☐ Confirm plumbing work and upgrades
 - ☐ Confirm electrical work and upgrades
 - ☐ Confirm who purchases fixtures
 - ☐ Confirm who receives and inspects deliveries
 - ☐ Confirm inspections are included
 - ☐ Confirm painting is included
 - ☐ Confirm shower glass is included
 - ☐ Review tile, fixture, and hardware allowances
 - ☐ Identify everything excluded from the estimate
 - ☐ Confirm how change orders are approved
 - ☐ Compare proposals line by line rather than by total price alone
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6. Permits, HOA & Contractor Verification

- ☐ Verify required permits before construction
- ☐ Check applicable city and county requirements
- ☐ Check HOA or condominium renovation requirements
- ☐ Confirm construction-hour restrictions
- ☐ Confirm elevator or delivery requirements if applicable
- ☐ Confirm contractor insurance requirements
- ☐ Confirm license requirements
- ☐ Check noise and debris restrictions
- ☐ Confirm water-shutoff requirements
- ☐ Confirm material delivery and parking requirements
- ☐ Obtain required HOA or condo approval
- ☐ Verify contractor and trade responsibilities
- ☐ Confirm who handles permit applications
- ☐ Confirm who schedules inspections
- ☐ Confirm warranty responsibilities

7. Approve the Design Package

Before demolition, confirm you have:

- ☐ Existing layout
 - ☐ Proposed layout
 - ☐ Fixture schedule
 - ☐ Finish schedule
 - ☐ Lighting and switch plan
 - ☐ Outlet locations
 - ☐ Plumbing locations
 - ☐ Shower elevations
 - ☐ Tile layout
 - ☐ Niche and bench locations
 - ☐ Grab-bar or accessibility locations
 - ☐ Vanity drawings
 - ☐ Door and shower-glass details
 - ☐ Product model numbers
 - ☐ Written scope of work
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8. Select Bathroom Fixtures & Materials

Shower or Tub

- ☐ Choose shower, tub-shower combination, or bathtub
- ☐ Select shower base or floor
- ☐ Confirm drain type and location
- ☐ Specify waterproofing system
- ☐ Select showerhead
- ☐ Select handheld spray if needed
- ☐ Select valve and controls
- ☐ Plan niche or shelf
- ☐ Plan bench if needed
- ☐ Plan grab bars or wall reinforcement
- ☐ Confirm shower-glass height and swing
- ☐ Plan towel location

- ☐ Plan shower lighting

Toilet

- ☐ Confirm rough-in requirement
- ☐ Confirm overall toilet depth
- ☐ Choose bowl shape
- ☐ Choose seat height
- ☐ Choose flush type
- ☐ Confirm water-supply location
- ☐ Confirm clearance from vanity, wall, and shower
- ☐ Check electrical requirements for a bidet seat or smart toilet

Vanity, Sink & Countertop

- ☐ Confirm vanity width and depth
- ☐ Confirm door and drawer clearance
- ☐ Confirm plumbing location
- ☐ Choose single or double sink
- ☐ Choose vanity style
- ☐ Choose drawer or cabinet storage
- ☐ Select countertop material
- ☐ Select sink type
- ☐ Confirm faucet-hole configuration
- ☐ Select backsplash
- ☐ Plan medicine cabinet
- ☐ Plan mirror or mirrored cabinet
- ☐ Plan electrical outlets for grooming tools
- ☐ Check toe-kick and floor clearance
- ☐ Confirm filler panels where required

9. Lighting & Electrical

- ☐ Plan general ceiling lighting
- ☐ Plan vanity or mirror task lighting
- ☐ Plan shower-rated lighting where needed
- ☐ Plan night lighting
- ☐ Consider decorative lighting

- ☐ Plan natural-light control
 - ☐ Plan outlets for hair dryers
 - ☐ Plan outlets for shavers
 - ☐ Plan outlets for electric toothbrushes
 - ☐ Check requirements for bidet seats
 - ☐ Check requirements for heated floors
 - ☐ Check requirements for smart mirrors
 - ☐ Check requirements for towel warmers
 - ☐ Ask a qualified electrician to confirm electrical requirements
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10. Ventilation & Moisture Control

- ☐ Select an appropriately sized exhaust fan
 - ☐ Confirm the fan effectively removes moisture
 - ☐ Confirm exhaust ducting terminates outdoors
 - ☐ Confirm ductwork is properly installed
 - ☐ Check the duct route for excessive bends or restrictions
 - ☐ Consider how the bathroom will dry after showers
 - ☐ Consider moisture-resistant finishes
 - ☐ Consider the room's overall ventilation and air-conditioning performance
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11. Waterproofing & Tile

Waterproofing

- ☐ Confirm waterproofing product or system
- ☐ Confirm approved substrate
- ☐ Confirm seam and corner treatment
- ☐ Confirm fastener treatment
- ☐ Confirm drain connection
- ☐ Confirm curb or threshold details
- ☐ Confirm niche and bench waterproofing
- ☐ Confirm required curing or drying time
- ☐ Confirm flood testing requirements where applicable
- ☐ Follow manufacturer installation instructions
- ☐ Photograph waterproofing before tile covers it

Tile & Flooring

- ☐ Select floor tile
 - ☐ Select shower-floor tile
 - ☐ Check surface texture
 - ☐ Confirm tile dimensions
 - ☐ Select grout and joint width
 - ☐ Check sealing requirements
 - ☐ Select edge trim
 - ☐ Plan pattern alignment
 - ☐ Allow for waste
 - ☐ Keep spare tile for future repairs
 - ☐ Check cleaning-product limitations
 - ☐ Choose stable, slip-resistant walking surfaces
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12. Preconstruction

- ☐ Order long-lead products early
 - ☐ Record model numbers and SKUs
 - ☐ Record supplier information
 - ☐ Record order dates
 - ☐ Track expected delivery dates
 - ☐ Inspect products when they arrive
 - ☐ Check dimensions
 - ☐ Check quantities
 - ☐ Check finish and color
 - ☐ Check for damage
 - ☐ Check all components are included
 - ☐ Plan temporary bathroom access
 - ☐ Plan storage for toiletries and towels
 - ☐ Confirm water shutoff arrangements
 - ☐ Plan dust-control boundaries
 - ☐ Plan delivery and debris routes
 - ☐ Confirm daily start and stop times
 - ☐ Confirm parking, keys, pets, and cleanup arrangements
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13. Preconstruction Meeting

Before demolition:

- ☐ Review the approved plans with the contractor
 - ☐ Confirm items that will remain
 - ☐ Identify items to be salvaged
 - ☐ Confirm floor and furniture protection
 - ☐ Confirm dust-control measures
 - ☐ Confirm demolition limits
 - ☐ Agree on the hidden-condition procedure
 - ☐ Confirm shutoff locations
 - ☐ Confirm debris and dumpster arrangements
 - ☐ Confirm product-storage area
 - ☐ Confirm permit posting
 - ☐ Confirm inspection responsibility
 - ☐ Confirm project decision-making contact
 - ☐ Confirm change-order approval process
 - ☐ Agree on progress-photo schedule
 - ☐ Review expected construction sequence
 - ☐ Photograph surrounding floors, walls, and hallways before work begins
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14. Construction Checkpoints

After Demolition

- ☐ Check for unresolved leaks
- ☐ Check framing for damage
- ☐ Check subfloor condition
- ☐ Review concealed conditions
- ☐ Approve necessary repairs in writing

Before Walls or Tile Are Closed

- ☐ Verify plumbing locations
- ☐ Verify shower valve height and position
- ☐ Verify drain location

- ☐ Confirm vanity plumbing fits the cabinet
- ☐ Verify electrical box locations
- ☐ Confirm exhaust duct is connected and directed outside
- ☐ Confirm blocking for accessories and grab bars
- ☐ Confirm niche dimensions
- ☐ Confirm bench dimensions
- ☐ Confirm required inspections
- ☐ Review waterproofing details
- ☐ Photograph concealed work before it is covered

During Construction

- ☐ Keep changes documented in writing
 - ☐ Approve change-order costs before work proceeds
 - ☐ Confirm schedule impact of changes
 - ☐ Keep progress photographs
 - ☐ Avoid giving unapproved instructions directly to individual workers
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15. Final Bathroom Inspection & Testing

- ☐ Test hot and cold water direction
- ☐ Test faucet flow
- ☐ Test shower flow
- ☐ Test all drains
- ☐ Check for leaks below sinks
- ☐ Check supply connections for leaks
- ☐ Test toilet flushing and stability
- ☐ Test shower controls
- ☐ Test shower-door operation
- ☐ Check vanity drawer clearance
- ☐ Check cabinet-door clearance
- ☐ Test outlets
- ☐ Test switches
- ☐ Test all lights
- ☐ Test exhaust fan airflow
- ☐ Run the shower and observe drainage
- ☐ Inspect tile edges
- ☐ Inspect grout

- ☐ Inspect caulk
 - ☐ Inspect paint finish
 - ☐ Check countertop and mirror security
 - ☐ Check hardware alignment
 - ☐ Check accessory placement
 - ☐ Check floor transitions
 - ☐ Confirm required inspections are complete
 - ☐ Confirm construction debris has been removed
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16. Final Punch List

- ☐ Record every unfinished or defective item
 - ☐ Photograph each issue
 - ☐ Assign responsibility for each correction
 - ☐ Record target completion dates
 - ☐ Confirm corrections are completed
 - ☐ Recheck corrected items
 - ☐ Complete required inspections
 - ☐ Confirm final payment requirements under the contract
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17. Final Handover Documents

Keep copies of:

- ☐ Signed contract
- ☐ Approved change orders
- ☐ Final plans
- ☐ Permit number
- ☐ Inspection records
- ☐ Contractor and subcontractor information
- ☐ Product model numbers
- ☐ Paint colors
- ☐ Tile and grout information
- ☐ Waterproofing details
- ☐ Fixture manuals
- ☐ Warranty documents

- ☐ Care instructions
 - ☐ Spare tile and hardware
 - ☐ Final project photographs
 - ☐ Paid invoices
 - ☐ Lien releases where applicable
 - ☐ Digital copies stored securely
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Bathroom Remodel Final Sign-Off

Project Address: _____

Homeowner: _____

Contractor: _____

Project Completion Date: _____

Final Inspection Completed: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Punch List Completed: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Warranties & Manuals Received: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Permits & Inspection Records Received: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Final Photos Saved: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Homeowner Notes:

Final Approval / Signature: _____

Date: _____