



What to Expect During Your Remodeling Project

Home Improvement projects look fun and easy on television and in magazines that show the “after picture” with smiling clean contractors and elated homeowners. Make no mistake. Your project will be a before, *in between*, and after project. We’d like you to be aware of the process *in between* so you can prepare yourself for the experience of beautifying your home.

Here are some tips that should help:

- **Safety is job #1.** Plan to keep children and pets away from the work zone. During a roofing project, this means keeping them away from the yard during the day. Be aware that your contractor will do the best job possible to clean up every day, but a few sharp items might be missed. Safety is the first job for a good contractor; it should be for you and your family too.
- **A project is a “system.”** You and your neighbors see the beautiful finished products such as roofs, siding, kitchens, and appliances in your home. But make no mistake; a properly completed project is a system of support, vapor barriers, sheathing, underlayment, ventilation, fasteners, anchors, and performance specifications. Work with the right contractor who helps you get the right “system” for your home.
- **Construction is a dirty, noisy business.** Dirt from roof removal and installation will produce dust particles in your attic and around your home. Cover your belongings in your attic with plastic tarps to make clean up easier after the project is complete. Consider removing valuable paintings and pictures from your walls so that jostling during construction doesn’t break a valuable asset. Be proactive with your neighbors to keep the peace and enlist them as your eyes and ears during construction. Agree with your contractor that cleanup will take place every day.
- **You are part of the scheduling process.** Figure the actual time for installation and add the time it takes to get materials. Some products are in stock and readily available while others take a few weeks for production. Communicate your expectations clearly so your contractor will be able to complete your project on time. If a construction permit is required, define who obtains it.
- **Don’t sweat the small stuff; discuss the big stuff up front.** Expect the unexpected. A dumpster will be required for disposal of materials. Hidden conditions from aging and damage might create a few extra charges. Your lawn will be trampled. If you’re worried about your landscaping, the condition of your older home, or other issues that might create surprises later, ask your contractor for an expert opinion.

Prepare as much as you can up front and then learn to go with the flow. You may not be prepared for the seeming chaos typical of most construction projects, but you will be thrilled with the end result from (Company Name).