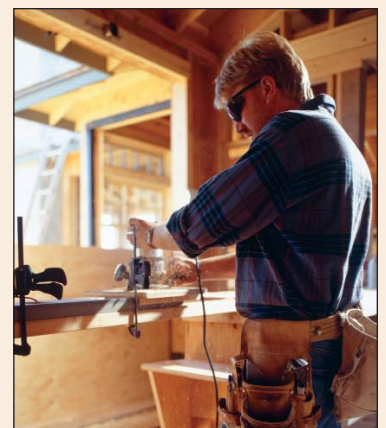


Home Remodeling Tips

Make your home improvement projects successful.

Remodeling your home is an opportunity to increase the value of your property while also enhancing the living space for your family. However, home improvement projects can be expensive and time-consuming. By planning ahead you can ensure the entire project goes smoothly.

- ❑ **Strike a healthy balance.** Beyond just improving the resale value of your home, any improvements made should also benefit you and your family. Additional space, a better layout and updated looks can go a long way toward helping you find more joy in your home.
- ❑ **Consider the flow of the house.** When possible, opt for fluid floor plans. Builders in new construction use these layouts as they are functional for most lifestyles. Check out new developments for ideas when rehabbing your home.
- ❑ **Don't forget the little things.** While you may be tempted to redo entire rooms or take on other large remodeling projects, don't forget that making minor changes can have a huge impact. Updating interior doors, cabinet hardware, installing trim and repainting rooms are projects that are not extremely cost or labor intensive and can mean the difference between pending and sold.
- ❑ **Take note of the neighbors.** If you are rehabbing your home with the intention of reselling it in a few years, compare it to your neighbors' homes. If your home is significantly larger (and usually more expensive) after you have made your improvements, it may become harder to sell.
- ❑ **Consider professional help.** While doing it all yourself may seem like the most cost-effective approach, it may be wise to hire a contractor in some instances. Ask for recommendations, perform background checks and take advantage of Coldwell Banker's **Concierge** service, which reviews and recommends professionals. You can reach our **Concierge** service at **1-800-493-1181** or at ColdwellBankerOnline.com (under 'Our Services').



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