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Twenty-Two Good Ideas for Remodeling Your Bathroom

For most people a bathroom remodel is something they feel like they need, but again for most people they should only proceed if they actually need a remodel. Remodeling is a "sure thing" if your floor needs replacing and your fixtures are chipped and in need of repair. Some people consider updating and remodeling when they wish to sell their home, but this is not a good reason. These people run the risk of spending thousands of dollars to only have potential buyers turn their noses up because it wasn't done like they would want.

If you are looking for update your bathroom because you are tired of it, that's fine, but don't spend a ton of money on it. You can improve the look and functionality on a simple budget.

Before you even begin, empty the drawers and shelves and give the room an excellent cleaning. Better yet, hire someone to do it right. Get rid of the dirty and moldy grout. A bright and shiny, clean bathroom may be all you really need.

Here are twenty-two good ideas for remodeling your bathroom:

1. Redecorate and update the bathroom with a clear vision. Pick a theme and stick with it.
2. You can redecorate your bathroom in a stylish way if you simply or mirrors. Frames are available in almost any style that will work in most homes.
3. Update your bathroom accessories by buying a new and matching bathroom set.
4. A new bath mat and towels are an excellent, budget-friendly way to reinvigorate the washroom. Buy enough to replace during wash day and to share with guests.
5. Peel-and-stick wall decals can add interest to blank spaces.

6. A fresh coat of paint or a new, interesting wallpaper instantly rejuvenates walls. Try the new paintable wallpaper with raised designs for a sculptured look.
7. Make sure you have enough storage room for cleaning products and accessories, but throw away the ones you don't need and have never used.
8. Use colorful or printed towels for bathrooms with a neutral decor or neutral colored or white towels for a bold, graphic decor.
9. A new shower curtain and rings is an easy (and inexpensive) way to update your bathroom's decor, a step up in quality would be new shower doors and tub enclosures.
10. Pretty wallpaper samples sprayed with your favorite perfume make refreshing, personalized scented drawer liners.
11. Add artwork, like a photo of a beautiful beach taken on a recent vacation or a cheap black and white print, to liven up empty walls.
12. Give your shower stall a fresh feeling by painting the grout.
13. Add personality to your cabinets with new hardware like pretty door knobs.
14. Paint the bathroom ceilings a lighter color than the walls.
15. Install tilted mirrors or full length mirrors on the doors, so they can be used by people of all heights.
16. Tired of your vinyl flooring? Paint it!
17. Update your showerhead with a new multiple-shower or rain-shower spray. These reduce water consumption and provide a well-pressurized shower.

18. Organizing is one of the best ways to update your bathroom. Throw away old cosmetics and medicines and store items that might be hanging around on the back of the toilet or on the countertop like toilet paper rolls, hair brushes, etc.
19. Get a luxurious look using dark finished gold bathroom fixtures, like faucets.
20. Clear clutter from the corners of your tub and shower stall with a functional shower caddy.
21. Consider updating the counters with a subtle, upscale and innovative laminate. Try Granitclad, which is thinner, less expensive, and more pliable than regular granite tops.
22. Install extra display and storage space by putting a shelf above the toilet; it's the perfect home for fresh, crisply folded towels. Don't clutter it up, however.

Four Places to Save Money for Your Remodeling

Anyone can spend money for remodeling, but not everyone is willing to do it. Here are four places where you can save money for your remodeling:

1. Visit the showroom of City Glass & Upholstery and tell them your plans, they can help with your budget. They have mirrors, shower doors, tub enclosures, vinyl windows, and almost everything glass for your home.
2. Look for close-out sales of items on eBay. Quite often you can find brand new items that were never sold.
3. If there is a Habitat for Humanity organization in your community, they might have an outlet store where they sell donated building materials that they didn't use.
4. Visit the Dollar Store or the Dollar Tree. You'll be surprised at what you can find that will help you in stocking your new bath or for remodeling your old one.

The Pros and Cons of Bathroom Remodeling for Resale Homes

By Steve Leighton

On each flip project a decision must be made as to whether or not the bathroom(s) need to be remodeled. The decision to remodel the bathroom of an investment property is one of the biggest you'll make as it will also result in one of the largest costs in terms of time and money. The net financial result is what should concern you. Will the remodeling yield a profit on it's own, or at least contribute proportionately to the overall profit.

The Pros of Remodeling the Bathroom of an Investment House:

Give it the WOW factor! The Wow factor is probably the major reason you would renovate the bathroom. There are three rooms that you want to be impressive; and the bathroom is arguably number one. Mr. and Ms. Buyer will often make their decision based on the condition of the bathroom.

Whether you choose to remodel the whole thing or just replace certain components should be based partly on the criticality of the bathroom in the buy-decision. Done properly a bathroom renovation could well be the deciding factor between getting your price and not selling your house.

An ugly, poorly maintained bathroom will have the potential buyers lowering their pricing expectations disproportionate to the amount it would cost to renovate it. A buyer purchasing a renovated house has expectations that certain things are in good shape - that's why they're buying a house that's already been renovated.

Whether it's a facelift or a total gut, that one room can make or break the deal.

If you're working with a very limited budget you can decide which particular parts of your bathroom that you would like remodeled, such as the tub or the toilet or the sink.

If money is not an issue, you may make the decision to remodel your whole bathroom. In addition to deciding what parts of your bathroom you would like remodeled, you will also have complete control over the products and materials used.

For instance, if you wish to replace the toilet, you can choose the quality which suits the budget. What matters is that it's new. Knowing that the toilet is new and has never been used is a big deal to some people. They may think "I will replace that toilet someday", but it's good enough to help facilitate a good overall impression.

Bathroom remodeling can be relatively easy to do depending on the depth you want to go. It is something an average handyman can do by themselves in order to save expenses.

Although you can save yourself money by doing your own remodeling, you may not want to or you may be unable to do so. If that is the case, you still have a choice. That choice is seeking assistance from a professional contractor.

Despite costing more money, your bathroom will be remodeled professionally and often in less time.

It is also important to mention that bathroom remodeling projects can help to increase a home's value. That is one of the biggest pros to having your bathroom remodeled. The increase in value, if there is one, will depend on a number of different factors. Those factors include what type of remodeling is done, as well as how well it is done. Whether you choose to hire the services of a professional bathroom remodeling expert or if you have prior home improvement experience, the decision to remodel your bathroom could significantly increase the value of your home.

Although there are a number of pros to bathroom remodeling, there are also a number of cons. Those cons mainly include the cost of doing so. When it comes to deciding whether or not you want to remodel your bathroom, you will have to make up your own mind; however, when doing so you may want to keep the above mentioned points in mind.

The Cons of Remodeling the Bathroom of an Investment House:

There are two major cons to remodeling for a flip; cost and the impact of a poor job.

If you are contemplating a bathroom remodeling project, these cons may make you want to rethink your decision.

The biggest con to remodeling is the cost, particularly if you go high end on your fixtures. Remodeling for resale is not the same as remodeling for yourself. You must keep this in mind for a flip. The character of the end result should match the character of the house not your idea of what the perfect bathroom should be. Remember, you are in this for profit.

The extent to which you remodel will affect the price as well. If you gut the bathroom down to the joists you will be looking at a lot more than if you simply replaced the toilet and added a tub surround. In addition to the cost of supplies and materials, you also need to determine whether or not there will be any additional costs. For instance, if you make the decision to have your bathroom professionally remodeled, you will need to pay a professional contractor. Although a professional contractor often produces better results, you will find the cost of hiring one fairly high.

In addition to the cost of bathroom remodeling, it is also important to note the time that it will take. How long a bathroom remodeling project lasts will all depend on what is being remodeling. If you are simply looking to replace your toilet, you will find that your remodeling project takes less time than it would if you were planning on remodeling your entire bathroom. The amount of time it takes for remodeling will also depend on how much time can be devoted to it. If you make the decision to hire a professional contractor to remodel your bathroom, the remodeling will likely be done quicker. In addition to knowing exactly what they are doing, professionals can usually devote more time to work than someone who is only doing the work on the side.

Another one of the many cons to remodeling your bathroom is what it can do to your home. As you may already know, it is possible for a bathroom remodeling project to increase the value of your home. While an increase is likely to occur, it is not guaranteed. If your home's value does increase because of a bathroom remodeling project, it will all depend on how much remodeling was done and the result of that remodeling. A professional or quality remodeling job is likely to produce the best increase in value.

What you need to be aware of is what a poor remodeling project can do for your home. There is a chance that a poor bathroom remodeling project could also decrease the value of your home. The chances of that happening are slim, but there is always a chance.

As previously mentioned, when having your bathroom remodeled, you have a choice as to whether you want to do your own remodeling or have a professional do it for you.

When it comes to bathroom remodeling, you will find that there are more cons to do it yourself bathroom remodeling.

As you can see, there are a number of bathroom remodeling cons. Although it may seem as if it isn't worth it to remodel your bathroom, there are also a number of bathroom remodeling pros. These pros include a new bathroom and the possibility of increasing your home's value. If you are interested in remodeling your bathroom, only you can decide whether or not it would be worth it and given your skill set and time, what the best approach would be.

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Bathroom Remodeling Ideas That Work

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Bathroom remodeling is one of the best ways of preparing a home for sale. After kitchen remodels, bathroom remodels are next in raising the sales value of your home.

Bathroom remodeling ideas need not be reserved for a house that is to be sold, however. You can enjoy a bathroom remodel now, and know that it will be an advantage when the time comes to sell the home.

The home's bathrooms are the rooms of heavy use. As such, they get a lot of wear and time. They also are seen many times each day. Bathroom remodels can keep your baths looking good and functioning properly.

There are many ways that you can remodel a bathroom. Here are a few ideas.

1. **Wall Tiles:** Most contractors will tell you that 4 by 4 inch wall tiles are outdated. Replace them with 8 by 13 inch glazed ceramic tiles. The new tiles will be attractive and will help prevent mold. They will also keep your lower walls from being damaged by splashes from faucets. As part of your bathroom remodeling, paint the upper walls, and run a decorative border of tiles between lower wall tiles and the upper, painted wall.
2. **Floor tiles:** Visible, light flooring can create a feeling of increased space. If your bathroom remodeling project is, at least in part, because your bathroom seems small, install 12 by 12 inch light-colored floor tiles diagonally. The lines and the light color will give the illusion of much more space.
3. **Heated Floor:** Before you lay those floor tiles, consider heated floor as part of your bathroom remodeling project. Your whole family will appreciate them, and when it comes time to sell your home, heated bathroom floors will be an enormous selling point.

4. **Vanity:** Use your bathroom remodeling as an opportunity to get clean, free lines. Replace the vanity with a new "floating" type that does not touch the floor. Choose one with a granite or marble countertop. If you like the granite when you're done, your bathroom remodeling project can prepare you for replacing kitchen countertops later. You may want a granite vanity top with one of the new vessel sinks.

5. **Faucets:** Faucets at the sink and tub are a wonderful place to begin a bathroom remodeling project. Once thought utilitarian, faucets have become stylish fixtures. At little cost, you can replace yours with vintage Victorian faucets, or sleek bamboo faucets resembling the bamboo fountain in an Asian garden.

6. **Toilets:** Relocating a toilet can call for major bathroom remodeling. Replacing it, however, is a simpler task, and can quickly update an old bathroom. If you want to further update your bath, consider adding a bidet. This bathroom remodeling project may require a contractor.

7. **Lighting:** Much bathroom remodeling falls short of its goal because overhead lighting is allowed to remain. While moisture resistant can lights above tub or shower can be helpful, an overhead light should be replaced by wall lights to increase the value of your bath.

8. **Shower:** If space allows, consider adding a separate shower to your bath area. Keep the tub for a spa-like retreat, but install a shower, too, with body sprays. If you like the natural, spa idea, look for a shower that has stone surround tile. This bathroom remodeling idea is bound to increase the value of your home.

9. **Colors:** The simplest bathroom remodeling project, and often an effective one, is to change the colors in the bathroom. If the bathroom remodel is being done to increase home value for sale, avoid unusual color combinations. Apply the tried and true 60-30-10 rule to your colors: 60 percent of your bathroom should be a dominant color, 30 percent a secondary color, and 10 percent an accent color.

Bathroom remodeling ideas are many because people have many different tastes. Different locations also inspire different ideas. Bathroom remodeling in Seattle is bound to be different from bathroom remodeling in Pensacola. Many things will come to bear on your bathroom remodeling ideas, but in the end, you should create something peaceful and functional for you and your family.

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Do You Fear a Bathroom Remodel?

By Steve Dolan

So You Want to Remodel Your Bathroom

An increasing number of people find that they can remodel their bathrooms to create the perfect place in which they can relax, refresh, rejuvenate and/or have a romantic time. A bathroom redo can be an inexpensive and fun way to spruce up your entire house. So, what you need are some tips for remodeling your bathroom.

When you decide to begin a bathroom remodeling project, it is quickest to organize your goals before shopping for materials. Choose what items you want to replace, add, or take away from the bath area. Consider refinishing existing items such as bathtub, shower, sinks and toilet, or renewing the tiles or tub and shower enclosure to give a new look to your bathroom even with just a little investment. The bathroom is one of the most used areas of the house, so you want to be sure that you have it remodeled in such a way that it will last for a long time. Remodeling is extremely exciting because it means you are getting to create the ambiance you have always wanted in one of your favorite places: the bathroom.

Why Remodel If You Can Decorate?

Perhaps you would like to redo the bathroom, but at the same time you would like to keep things uncomplicated. If it is time for a bathroom makeover, count yourself lucky when you see the number of wonderful current decorating ideas for the bathroom today. There is a huge amount you can do with simple decorative treatments that avoid a full remodel.

If you have a small bathroom, remodeling ideas should mostly revolve around freeing the space of clutter and making better use of the available space. Using shelves, taller cabinets, and other organizational items will help the room seem larger because everything has a place and there is nothing left to crowd the space. There are any number of cabinets available to fit over the toilet or along empty walls to maximize the available area, or cabinets can be hung on the wall to free up floor space.

Regardless of the size of your bathroom, it is important that you sort out the existing items in the bathroom and choose which items you want to keep and which items can now retire. Clearing out unimportant clutter from the bathroom can help you decorate the room easily and match items for your fresh theme. Don't be afraid to be bold and exciting - make your bathroom a fun place to visit!

Another decorating idea for a bathroom is to redo the porcelain sink and the tub. These tend to take a lot of abuse through the years, and with a fresh treatment, they will look brand-new. It's a lot cheaper than putting in all new fixtures, and it really does make your bathroom look good.

A common bathroom decorating idea for people on a budget is adding or replacing light fixtures. While choosing a light may seem like a daunting task, be aware that once you have chosen the perfect lighting to enhance your bathroom's theme, it can make a dramatic change to the overall feel of the room. Of course, also consider new paint, tile or wall paper to freshen up the space.

Following the new bathroom decorating trends while maintaining individual taste and style can be achieved with a little research and great imagination. Building on these ideas is sure to help anyone create the bathroom of their dreams. Home decorating magazines can be quite helpful, because if you see decorating materials that you like, there is often a section that shows how you can get them. They are also good at allowing you to see how the materials you're interested in fit with other colors in the room.

But I Need to Remodel

If you find that redecorating just won't do, and you really need to remodel, as part of your planning process create a bathroom remodeling check list to help you determine how much of an upgrade you can afford. Make sure you know exactly where your fixtures will go when designing your remodeling project, since you need the plumbing there to accommodate them. Unless you can somehow move the location of your fixtures, your sink, tub, and toilet are going to be exactly where you have them right now. In most cases, the location of your fixtures is going to be a hard limit, so plan accordingly.

Depending on the size of your bathroom and your budget, there are a few bathroom remodeling tips that can the project go smoother, as well as make life after the project easier. For large-budgeted bathroom remodeling projects, you can go beyond your dream bathroom by expanding the area and separating the toilet from the bath area. You can even add spa treatments, bathtubs, water jets and other more expensive bathroom add-ons.

If you have a more modest budget, one of the most important things is to make sure that the shower area is easily accessible. For example, some showers require a person to step up in order to enter the shower, while others are just walk-in showers. Whichever kind of shower you choose, it is important to note that it will have to be well installed in order to prevent leaks. Another method of controlling bathroom remodeling costs could be instead of replacing your tub and all the wall tiles, you could look into a tub and wall unit that fits right over an existing tub and wall. By using this technique and for a few hundred dollars the area can look as if it is brand-new. The alternative is replacing everything, which could run into the thousands.

When you choose where smaller fixtures go in the bathroom remodeling design, think function over form. For items such as the towel rack or even the toilet paper roll, keep in mind that they should go in places that are sensible. The towel rack might look nice by the door, but if it's out of arm's reach of the bathtub, then you won't be happy whenever you get out of the shower, for example. With all things in bathroom remodeling design, if you design with an eye for common sense and space, you will be successful in your attempt to create a room that's both stylish and functional.

There is no greater joy to a homeowner then to remodel a favorite room such as the bathroom. So, enjoy every minute of it, and, more importantly, enjoy the outcome of your work and labor. Once you are satisfied with the project, you can take your first relaxing shower and enjoy the long-term benefit from the investment you made.

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Small Bathroom Remodeling And The Do-It-All Renovations Contractor By Steve Gee

Managing a small bathroom remodeling project

Remodeling your small bathroom, or any sized bathroom for that matter, can be a very rewarding and satisfying project. It can also be the source of much stress and many sleepless nights when things go wrong and believe me they can go wrong. Managing home improvement projects isn't as easy as it might seem and a bathroom remodel can be one of the most difficult tasks you can undertake in your home.

How to minimize the stress of your small bathroom renovation project

The most important thing to do before starting your bathroom makeover project is planning. You must decide not only what you are going to do in your small bathroom but you must also decide how you are going to do it. So what are your options?

- Do it all yourself
- Do part of it yourself and hire a project manager to hire a contract team.
- Hire a project manager to control the whole bathroom remodel
- Project manage your small bathroom makeover and hire a team of contractors yourself.
- Find a multi skilled contractor to complete your whole bathroom-remodeling project.

I knew that I didn't have the time to manage a team of bathroom contractors and I would hold them up if tried to do any of the work myself. I only had the one bathroom so I couldn't afford to have the job take any longer than necessary. So that left me with the options of hiring a team of bathroom contractors and a project manager or finding someone that would do the whole job by themselves.

Preparing your bathroom remodeling plan of action

Before I took the plunge and remodeled my own little bathroom I took the time to talk to people who had some personal remodeling experience of their own. I talked to friends and their friends and I talked to the staff in bathroom showrooms. This is the best way to help you decide how you are going to get your bathroom makeover done. It's also a very good way of finding contacts for suitable contractors.

While I was doing all this talking, that went on for several months, it became clear to me that the people who had the least amount of problems and stress with their small bathroom remodels were the people who had involved the least number of contractors to do the work. They also seemed to get their remodeling project completed much faster.

Hiring a multi skilled contractor to remodel your small bathroom

I decided then that I would look for a bathroom-remodeling contractor who would be capable and prepared to take on my small bathroom renovation from start to finish. I was convinced by what I had found that they do exist but I knew that they would be in high demand. In the end I was very pleased with the result and encourage you to consider this route to your dream bathroom.

I was right about the rarity of the one-stop bathroom-remodeling contractor. Lets face it, there are a lot of skills required and it's hard to see how one person can be a master of them all. On the other hand none of it is rocket science and anyone determined enough to put their mind to it can do a very reasonable job of it all.

After a lot of searching for names and referrals I chose 3 possible contractors and asked them to quote. I found the pin boards in many bathroom showrooms to be a valuable resource in finding contractors, as many of them will leave a card there for you to pick up.

I asked them all for references so that I could go and see some of their work and talk to their clients. This is an important and very reassuring step that can help to ensure that you don't end up with a rogue who runs off with your money.

Be prepared to wait for your small bathroom remodel

The guy that I chose to remodel my small bathroom was booked up for 6 months in advance but I felt that the wait would be well worth it. So we set a time and went with it. I was not disappointed with the result.

Read more about multi-skilled bathroom remodeling contractors in the article [Small Bathroom Remodeling and One-Stop Contractors](#)

Before and after pictures of my small bathroom remodel Pictures of bathrooms before and after remodeling at <http://www.bathroomsremodeling.this-info.com> Steve Gee

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Glossary of Construction and Remodeling Terms

Here is a list of terms to help you communicate a home remodeling contractor:

A/C - An abbreviation for air conditioner or air conditioning.

A/C Condenser - The outside fan unit of the air conditioning system. It removes the heat from the freon gas, 'turns' the gas back into a liquid, and pumps the liquid back to the coil in the furnace.

A/C Disconnect - The main electrical ON-OFF switch near the A/C condenser.

ABS - A type of black plastic pipe commonly used for waste water lines.

Aggregate - A mixture of sand and stone and a major component of concrete.

Air Space - The area between insulation facing and interior of exterior wall coverings. Normally a 1' air gap.

Allowance - A sum of money set aside in the construction contract for items which have not been selected and specified in the construction contract.

Bid Phases - The different phases in a remodeling project. These are organized to ensure smooth completion and scheduling of various contractors. Examples of bid phases include framing, plumbing, electrical wiring, installation of appliances, and painting.

Blueprints - A set of working plans that show all the details and aspects of the remodeling project. They are nicknamed "blueprints" because they are printed in blue ink.

Certificate of Occupancy - Once all municipal codes for housing construction are met, the housing inspector will issue a certificate of occupancy. This document verifies that all the work meets city standards.

Change Order - When the work under contract is altered or changed, a written agreement known as a change order is created to document the details as an addendum to the original contract between the homeowner and the remodeler.

Concrete - A construction material used for foundations, ground level floors and sidewalks. Most concrete is made out of Portland cement, sand, and gravel or aggregate. Concrete is commonly reinforced with steel rods, known as rebar or wire screening, called mesh.

Concrete Block - Often used in low rise commercial and some residential construction, a hollow concrete 'brick' most commonly 8 inches x 8 inches x 16 inches in size. The original design and use is attributed to the architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

Concrete Board - A panel composed of concrete and fiberglass usually used as a tile backing material.

Conduit - A tube or duct for enclosing electric wires or other cables.

Construction Contract - A legal document that includes the specifics of what-when-where-how-how much and by whom of a construction project. It usually includes the contractors registration number, a statement of work quality such as 'Standard Practices of the Trades.'

Contractor Grade - Also known as "builder grade" this refers to products of average quality. Contractors use these to save money, but homeowners may prefer to pay extra for upgraded quality.

Cost Estimate Sheet - When bidding on a job, the contractor will submit a written list of anticipated expenses and this cost estimate sheet will give the homeowner an overview of remodeling costs. The estimate should include both labor and materials broken down and itemized.

Elevations - In architectural terms an elevation refers to drawings on blueprints, and these are used to illustrate such things as the size of a room, the placement of stairs, doorways, and windows, and the dimensions of the various components of the building.

Footing - The foundation that supports a structure is called the footing or "footer" and these are usually made of concrete and anchored partially under the ground. Unless the footing is stable and strong, the entire building will be a risk for shifting, settling, or falling.

Functional Obsolescence - This term refers to aspects of a design or layout that do not serve a desired purpose or are outdated and outmoded. A kitchen with an outdated stove or inadequate space for ease of movement and food preparation, for example, suffers from functional obsolescence and needs to be remodeled or updated.

General Contractor - When there are many different types of contractors working on a remodeling project, the one who coordinates and supervises all of them and serves as a liaison between the workers and the homeowner is known as the General Contractor.

GFCI Outlets - GFCI stands for Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter, and these are specially designed outlets that cut off the electrical flow to prevent accidents and electrocution. GFCI outlets are typically required when an electrical outlet is in close proximity to water such as in kitchens and bathrooms.

Head - The main horizontal member forming the top of the window or doorframe.

Header - A horizontal framing member placed over the rough opening of a window to prevent the weight of wall or roof from resting on the window frame.

Heat pump - A device which uses compression and decompression of gas to heat and/or cool a house.

Hinges - Hinges are the metal objects that attach your door to the jamb, normally with screws. They can be made from brass, steel, iron or other products.

HVAC - Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning.

Lien - A legal instrument that contractors can use to attach a claim to a homeowner's property in the event that the contractor does work but does not get paid. You must be careful and watchful. Sometimes sub-contractors end up putting a lien on a home because the contractor never paid them, but the homeowner paid the general contractor. In otherword a homeowner could be forced to pay twice for the same work.

Lien Release - Upon completion and payment of remodeling work, the homeowner should get a signed document to verify that work was paid for and that the contractor releases any right to file a lien against the property. This signed document is known as a lien release or lien waiver.

Linear Feet - A measurement of 12 inches in a direct line. For example, if a kitchen counter is six feet long in a straight line is it six linear feet in length.

Load-Bearing Walls - Some walls support and hold up the weight of the home and therefore hold up joists, other walls, the roof, or similar heavy structures. These are load-bearing walls.

Manufactured Wood - A wood product such as a truss, beam, Glue Lam TM or joist that is manufactured out of smaller wood pieces and glued or mechanically fastened to form a larger piece. It is often used to create a stronger member that may use less wood.

Manufacturers Specifications - The written installation and/or maintenance instructions which are developed by a product manufacturer which may have to be followed in order to maintain the product's warrantee.

Masonry opening - The space in a masonry wall left open for windows or door.

Permits - Legal documents that authorize construction or remodeling work to be done. There are issued by governing bodies such as city governments before work commences and usually involve paying a fee for the permit.

Prep Work - Preparation for doing a job is referred to as prep work, and this typically applies to painting because before paint is applied the surface to be painted has to be prepped by doing things such as sanding, caulking, taping, or patching.

Punch List - A list of tasks to be done.

Restoration - When a remodel is done in such a way that the original structure is preserved or revived, it is called restoration.

Sanitary Sewer - A sewer system designed for the collection of waste water from the bathroom, kitchen and laundry drains. It is usually not designed to handle storm water.

Seepage Pit - A sewage disposal system composed of a septic tank and a connected cesspool.

Septic System - An on-site wastewater treatment system, consisting of a septic tank that promotes the biological digestion of the waste and a drain field which is designed to let the left over liquid soak into the ground.

Septic Tank - A sewage settling tank in which part of the sewage is converted into gas and sludge before the remaining waste is discharged by gravity into a leaching bed underground.

Setbacks - Boundary spaces required by law between structures are referred to as setbacks.

Subcontractor - A contractor hired or "subbed-out" by a General Contractor to do part of the remodeling work.

Worker's Comp - Worker's Compensation Insurance or "workman's comp" is insurance that pays for injuries that happen during the course of one's professional work. This type of insurance protects contractors but it also helps to insulate the homeowner from liability if a worker is hurt on the homeowner's premises.

Resources

Recycling & Storage Services - DM Recycling Company Inc (DMR) is a full service recycling company, providing services throughout the South Puget Sound region, including the cities of Auburn, Bonney Lake, Edgewood, Fife, Gig Harbor, Lakewood, Milton, Orting, Puyallup, Sumner, Tacoma and Vashon Island.

www.dm-recycling.com

Construction Demolition Remodeling Containers Dumpsters for Rent Gig Harbor Tacoma Bainbridge Island - Need a roll off container for junk, construction debris, demolition debris, remodeling scraps? Visit Hall's Hauling and find the right dumpster for your job. Reasonable rates!

www.hallshauling.com

Fire Sprinkler Systems & Fire Alarm Systems & Security Systems - Suppliers - Smith Fire Systems Management (SFSM) is a full service fire and life safety company, serving customers in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

www.smithfiresystems.co

Plumbing Repairs Tacoma & Tankless Water Heaters Tacoma - Bob Larson Plumber - We serve all of the South Puget Sound area in the State of Washington. We focus on: Full service and comprehensive plumbing repairs, Quality residential, commercial and industrial remodels, Plumbing technology that addresses significant cost savings and comfort for the future of the home and business, like tankless hot water, hydronic heating, and more.

www.boblarsonplumbing.com

Campbell-Cox Carpet and Tile Contractor in Tacoma - Tacoma's premier floor covering resource! We are pleased to provide exceptional products and unparalleled service to both commercial and residential clients in the greater Puget Sound. We offer a wide array of floor covering products from around the world. We provide, expert design consultation, product installation, and creative solutions for all your flooring needs.

www.campbellcox.com

Gig Harbor Roofing Contractor Gig Harbor Tacoma and University Place - Gig Harbor Roofing is a leading roofing contractor throughout Gig Harbor and the Key Peninsula. We specialize in new installation, re-roofing, residential/commercial maintenance, and emergency repairs for Gig Harbor and nearby Tacoma, and University Place.

www.gigharborroofingllc.com

Carpet Steam Cleaning Tacoma Auburn Puyallup Federal Way Lakewood - If you're looking for a trustworthy and reliable carpet cleaning service -- You've found it! South Sound Carpet Cleaning is the most trusted carpet cleaning service in the Puget Sound area, and more people trust us to clean their rugs, carpet and upholstery than any other service in town. Why? The reason is quite simple. We're professional, we do quality work and have extremely competitive pricing.

www.southsoundcarpetcleaning.com

Sullivan Painting Service Residential House Painting Tacoma Lakewood Parkland - Sullivan Painting Service is a painting contracting company located in Lakewood, Washington. Serving the cities of Tacoma, Lakewood, Puyallup, Gig Harbor, Bonney Lake, Federal Way, Renton, Seattle, Olympia, Sumner and everything in between. Serving Pierce County, King County, Thurston County, Western and Eastern Washington, with out of state painting and LBP Abatement Services for Commercial, Residential and Light Industrial.

www.sullivanpaintingservice.com

Overhead Garage Doors Sales and Instalation Tacoma Lakewood University Place Lacey Olympia Tumwater Black Lake - We take pride in offering the best overhead garage door installation and service in Greater Tacoma/ South Puget Sound Area. We provide prompt, courteous, professional specialists who will tackle your problem with a guaranteed low-price anywhere, any day, any time! All of our garage door service stands up to very high quality standards. We both sell overhead doors for commercial and residential use AND service what we sell as well as servicing existing overhead garage doors from a variety of manufacturers.

www.upanddowndoors.com