

Consider Organizing Before Remodeling

Considering a remodel of your home? You may want to organize your home first. People remodel for various reasons, but the most common reason I encounter in my line of work is the need for more room. This article may help you plan and execute the remodel that you really need and save you money in the process.

Organizing and purging unused items before you start a remodel allows you to see what you really have to make room for. Then you can think clearly about what your storage needs are. For example, you can look at how many DVD's you have in your collection and effectively plan how much storage is needed for your new media area. Or you may be remodeling a closet, and once you organize and purge, you can accurately assess the amount of space and type of storage that you need for your stuff.

On the other hand, I have clients who have changed their minds on their planned remodel after we organized their home. Some have revised the amount or type of space that they desired to add or even canceled the remodel altogether! The freedom and the clarity of thought that comes with a clutter-free home, allow them to see what they really have and need. With their unneeded items purged from their home, they find that they have enough storage for what they need.

If you find that you don't need to spend your remodel dollars on adding more space, you can spend them on what you really want. Some clients have chosen to invest in the upgrades that their hearts really desire; saying "yes" to granite countertops, stainless steel appliances or other items to improve what they already have.

Another benefit to organizing before you remodel is the protection of your possessions during the remodel. Organizing, de-cluttering and packing a room before demolition starts, makes the job easier for both you and your contractor. The less clutter they have to work around means less stress on you and them. Plus, you have less chance of having something valuable broken or lost because it has been tucked away safely. Remember to label those boxes clearly so that you can find your items and use them in your newly remodeled area.

The last thing you want with a remodel is to add more square footage to just fill with more stuff that you don't need or use. Organizing prior to your remodel will help you regardless of your decision to continue your remodel. Good luck to all of you planning a remodel; may you get both what you want and need in your upgraded home. And if you decide to cancel your remodel after organizing your home, please don't mention my name to your builder. I sure don't want to get blamed for costing them a job!

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