

# **Homeowner to do list**

## **1. Review Your Contract**

First of all, review your contract. If there are any questions or concerns, please let us know immediately. Make note of the following:

Changes made after the work begins will be more costly than changes made before. All changes must be signed off by both parties.

Make sure the installation and tear out dates allow you enough time for any planned functions or special events.

## **2. Decide whether to stay or go**

Ideally you might want to consider staying with friends, relatives, or take a vacation while the remodel is completed. You can also stay in your home and work around your remodeled areas. Should you choose to be far away, you must make sure that your contract depicts every detail you want done. Please don't assume it will be done unless it is detailed in your contract.

## **3. Take Some Pictures**

We recommend that you take pictures before, during, and after the project is completed. Before and after pictures can be encouraging and great to show friends.

## **4. Appliances**

Carson's Cabinetry & Design normally does not supply appliances. We can refer you to knowledgeable people in the area who can provide you with appliances at competitive prices. Here are a few things to remember:

It is the responsibility of the appliance dealer to deliver the appliances to the kitchen being remodeled.

Appliances must be selected before any cabinetry is ordered.

We must have a list of your appliances with model numbers before we can order any cabinetry. If you have not yet given us such a list, it is imperative that you do so now if we are to stay on schedule.

Make sure that the appliances you have selected will fit through doorways, elevators and hallways before placing your order.

All appliances are covered by manufacturers' warranties not Carson's Cabinetry & Design. They will assume responsibility and send a service representative to resolve the problem.

## **5. Purchase new faucets and disposals**

Your old faucets and disposals may perform satisfactorily prior to installation, but often develop leaks. We therefore it is recommended to only install new faucets.

Disposals use a rubber seal where they attach to the sink. These seals harden over time and may not re-seat properly to the new sink. Carson's Cabinetry & Design is not responsible for any reused product.

## **6. Get your drain lines cleaned**

It has been our experience that residue, grease buildup, or rust may dislodge during the process of normal remodeling resulting in a sink that doesn't drain properly when the job is complete. We consider this a preexisting condition that we have no control over. We highly recommend that, prior to job start, you make arrangements with a plumber to clean your drain lines.

## **7. Pack up everything.**

All shelves, drawers, cabinets, etc., should be empty.

## **8. Protect valuables**

Protect furniture and carpets in adjacent areas that will be affected by dust. Remove paintings from walls and any breakables in pathways the trade's people will be using. Also remove any wall hung items that are in rooms that share the same walls as the kitchen or bath undergoing the remodel. Removing cabinets and reinstalling cabinets will cause these walls to undergo some movement. This movement can cause pictures and wall hung items to possibly fall and break. We cannot be held responsible for items that fall from the wall or are in the pathway to the work area.

## **9. Set up a temporary kitchen**

Set up a temporary kitchen near a water source if possible. Usually the refrigerator and microwave can be connected in this area. A coffee pot, hot plate and other bare necessities will see you through breakfast and other light meals.

## **10. Protect kids and pets**

Work areas need to be off limits for kids and the pets.

## **11. Think about your craftspeople**

Here are a few things to consider when the time comes for craftspeople to work in your home:

They require concentration when performing their skills. A loss in concentration might cause an injury. Watching the crafts workers may make them nervous and cause them to lose their concentration.

If parking is a concern, please make it clear to everyone where they should leave their vehicles. Remember, they will need to park as close as possible to the work areas.

If you have questions or concerns about the work being done, please write your questions down and then review them when these trades' people are on a break, at lunch break, at the end of the day.

They might need access to a bathroom.