

Bathroom Remodel Planning Checklist

For homeowners in southeast Kansas and northeast Oklahoma. A dependable bathroom plan covers more than visible finishes: use this checklist to organize room conditions, household needs, product decisions, permit questions, work sequence, and closeout before demolition begins.

CHECKLIST 01

Document the room before choosing finishes

- ☐ **Photograph existing conditions.** every wall, floor, ceiling, tub or shower, vanity, toilet, door, window, exhaust fan, visible plumbing access, and the route from the exterior door to the room.
- ☐ **List the problems to solve.** separate appearance preferences from functional issues: leaks, poor ventilation, soft flooring, difficult access, weak lighting, storage, or a layout that no longer works.
- ☐ **Record household needs.** who uses the room, whether it is the only bathroom, when it must be available again, and whether low-threshold access, grab-bar blocking, a bench, or easier controls should be evaluated.
- ☐ **Note what cannot be confirmed yet.** subfloor, framing, old plumbing, previous patches, and wet-area construction may be concealed. The written agreement should explain how discoveries are photographed, priced, and approved.

CHECKLIST 02

Choose the right level of work

- ☐ **Keep the arrangement.** a finish-focused update may retain fixture locations when plumbing, electrical, ventilation, floor, walls, and wet-area construction are suitable to remain.
- ☐ **Open and rebuild.** a full replacement corrects damaged materials, outdated rough work, poor ventilation, failed waterproofing, and uneven surfaces before new finishes cover them.
- ☐ **Change layout or access.** moving fixtures or widening clearances may affect drains, framing, floor height, door swing, electrical clearances, ventilation, and permits. Feasibility belongs in the walkthrough.

CHECKLIST 03

Make selection deadlines visible

- ☐ **Wet-area system.** tub or shower type, drain position, waterproofing method, tile or wall system, niches, bench, glass, valve, shower head, and any handheld fixture - decided as one coordinated assembly.
- ☐ **Room fixtures.** vanity dimensions, top, sink, faucet, toilet, mirror, lighting, accessories, storage, flooring, trim, paint, and hardware confirmed before late choices stop the following work.
- ☐ **Delivery and responsibility.** who orders each item, who checks it for damage, where it is stored, the required-on-site date, and what happens if a backorder changes the sequence.

CHECKLIST 04

Confirm permits and specialty-trade responsibilities

- ☐ **Ask the issuing authority.** permit and inspection requirements depend on the property address and the planned work. Plumbing relocation, electrical changes, structural changes, ventilation work, or a changed footprint

may be treated differently from cosmetic replacement.

- ☐ **Assign the trades.** when plumbing, electrical, HVAC, or structural evaluation is required, it is identified during planning and assigned to the appropriately qualified party.

The issuing authority - not this checklist - controls the current requirement for a specific address and project. Confirm before regulated work begins.

CHECKLIST 05

Put the work in a dependable order

- ☐ **1. Protection and demolition.** access, dust control, floor protection, debris handling, utility interruptions, and what the household must remove before work begins.
- ☐ **2. Repairs and rough work.** approved framing, floor, plumbing, electrical, ventilation, and inspection work completed before walls and wet areas are closed.
- ☐ **3. Wet-area preparation.** the selected waterproofing system followed as a complete assembly: corners, penetrations, transitions, drain connection, and required cure or test steps.
- ☐ **4. Finishes and fixtures.** tile or wall panels, flooring, glass, vanity, fixtures, lighting, trim, paint, accessories, and function checks in the right sequence.

CHECKLIST 06

Close out the room before calling it finished

- ☐ **Test everything.** drains, supplies, shutoffs, fixtures, outlets, switches, lights, fan, doors, drawers, glass, and accessories.
- ☐ **Punch list and cleanup.** complete the written punch list and final cleanup.
- ☐ **Keep the records.** product information, care instructions, finish selections, owner-maintenance notes, the final agreement, and approved changes.
- ☐ **Close the permits.** confirm required final inspections or permit closeout.
- ☐ **Photograph the finished room.** so the closing condition is documented.

Ready for the walkthrough?

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This checklist organizes questions and decisions before written pricing. It does not replace an on-site evaluation, a permit decision, product instructions, engineering, or the requirements of the local authority.