



Renovation Checklist

- **Size, Scope, & Budget**
 - Review Remodeling Magazine's Cost vs. Value chart; at <http://www.remodeling.hw.net/cost-vs-value/2018/east-north-central/milwaukee-wi/> to help you determine a realistic budget for the renovations.
 - Determine the areas of your home that are priorities.
- **Get Excited; Review Finishes**
 - Determine what type of cabinetry, fixtures, flooring, tile, and countertops best suits your home and taste.
 - Use Pinterest, Houzz, and product informational brochures and product websites.
- **Planning**
 - Schedule the remodeling work when it best fits into your lifestyle.
 - Many people will schedule a kitchen project when the weather allows for outdoor grilling and cooking.
- **Education**
 - Self advocate; be an informed, confident consumer.
 - Use local NARI, Better Business Bureau, Angie's List, and Houzz to learn more about area contractor's recent client experiences.
 - Ask friends, relatives, and neighbors for the names of quality contractors.
- **Contact three quality contractors**
 - Ask for and contact contractor's references.
 - Ask questions, never assume inclusions.
 - Compare all of the quotes.
- **Select a Contractor**
 - Ask to review a recent completed similar project
 - Remember; past behavior is the easiest predictor of future behavior.
 - Design, selections, and trade reviews should come prior to signing a construction contract
 - Understand the contractor's process for completion.
 - Schedule pre construction meeting
 - Be engaged and well communicated throughout the process.