

Bathroom Remodel Readiness Checklist

Run the Checks, Ask the Questions, Know When to Walk Away.

■ Pre-Hire Checklist

- ☐ Bathroom(s) and property city identified
- ☐ Scope defined: full remodel, conversion, or finishes
- ☐ Layout changes known — is anything moving?
- ☐ Photos taken and rough measurements noted
- ☐ Problems listed: leaks, mold, ventilation, pressure
- ☐ HOA, landlord, or board approval checked
- ☐ Plan for a working bathroom during the remodel
- ☐ Budget comfort range set (or ready to discuss)
- ☐ Material ideas or inspiration photos gathered
- ☐ License, insurance, and workers' comp info requested

■ Questions to Ask

- 1 Are you licensed, insured, and workers' comp covered?**
Verify any CA license number at cslb.ca.gov in seconds.
- 2 What waterproofing system will you use, and how is it verified?**
Failures behind tile are the most expensive kind to fix.
- 3 Which permits and inspections will this remodel need?**
Unpermitted plumbing or electrical surfaces at resale.
- 4 Which materials are allowances — and are they realistic?**
Low allowances turn a cheap bid into a costly project.
- 5 How long is the bathroom out of service?**
Shutoffs, dust control, and access belong in the plan.
- 6 Who approves scope changes, and how?**
Changes should be written and priced before work continues.

■ Walk Away If You See This

No Waterproofing Details

The bid names the tile but not the system behind it.

Allowance Games

Unrealistic allowances become change orders later.

No Permit Talk

Skipping permits becomes your problem at resale.

■ How the Remodel Should Run

1. Scope & Design

Layout, materials, and fixtures decided on paper first.

2. Permits

Plumbing, electrical, and layout changes filed properly.

3. Demo & Rough-In

Walls open; plumbing and electrical moved and inspected.

4. Waterproof & Test

The system is verified before any tile goes on.

5. Tile & Finish

Tile, vanity, glass, and fixtures — then final walk through.

Ready to Talk Through Your Bathroom Remodel?

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