



Your Remodeling Check List

When you are ready to remodel your home, make sure you keep this handy check list close by!

- ✓ Write It Down...walk through your home and write down all the dreams you have for it.
- ✓ Cut It Out...find pictures in magazines of tile, paint colors, cabinets, countertops, appliances that you like.
- ✓ Plan It Out...figure out your financial resources so you know how much you can spend on a remodel project.
- ✓ Call the Best...look to NARI Metro DC for your best resource for professional, ethical and experienced remodeling companies, subcontractors and suppliers. Visit www.narimetrodc.org (Find A Professional for our easy to surf list of members)
- ✓ Do Your Homework...call the contractor's references, ask to go see at least one of their remodeling projects.
- ✓ Give in to Your Gut...the remodeling contractor or subcontractor will "live" with you and your family for days or weeks or months. Your gut feel tells you if you are comfortable with this person!
- ✓ Define the Details...your remodeling proposal and/or contract should be comprehensive and include product descriptions, start and approximate completion dates, payment schedule, change order procedures, warranties, and alternative dispute resolution clauses.
- ✓ Keep Your Perspective...remodeling can be disruptive to your normal household environment. Take a deep breath, keep your focus and work with the remodeling contractor or subcontractor for the end result.
- ✓ Celebrate the Dream...invite your family, friends, neighbors to see your new remodeling project...and start dreaming about the next one!
- ✓ Don't agree to a budget busting change without getting it in writing!