

# Bathroom Renovation Checklist

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- Planning
  - Take a small tour of your bathroom, and examine.
  - Make a checklist of things which don't work and need to be completely replaced.
  - Make a list of things which need minor repairs.
  - Store the things which can be reused in a separate room.
  - If necessary, consult with a bathroom renovation expert.
  - Assess the difficulty of your renovation.
  - Plan the time needed to complete the job.
  - Compile a list of renovation resources.
  - Analyse your renovation budget.
  - Purchase new fixtures and flooring within your budget.
- Plumbing
  - Fix all the pipes, the sink, shower, faucets, etc
  - If the pipes or other metal parts are rusted, then better get them replaced.
  - Change a shower or bath tub - decide which one you prefer.
  - Choose fixtures that enhance the appearance of your bathroom while conserving water and energy.
  - Install larger diameter water pipes to allow greater flow or pressure balancing valves.
  - Ensure that the drainage system is sufficiently vented.
- Painting
  - Fix the damaged walls by getting rid of the cracked paints, filling up any holes or cracks in the walls.
  - Apply a primer and sealer to increase the life of the paint and the walls.
  - Apply a semi gloss finish to the walls, to protect them better.
- Lighting
  - Add some fixtures to improve bathroom lighting.
  - Add a skylight window, if the source of natural light in the bathroom is limited.
  - Update lighting so that it is adequate and energy efficient.