

RENOVATING YOUR SPACE

Things to have in mind when modernizing your space



Reasons to Renovate your Space

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Whether you're looking to buy a new house or just want to update and refresh your current home, planning a renovation isn't an easy task. It can easily take a great amount of your time and effort. A well-organized plan will be needed in order to bring your ideas to completion.

In today's blog, we are going to help you organize your ideas and budget to get the best renovation results.

The Reason for Renovating Your Home

The two main reasons why people choose to renovate their homes are, to sell their homes or to update and refresh their space. Renovating your space in order to sell, increases the property value and brings more interest from prospective buyers.

Now that you have set a reason to renovate your space, what are the areas of your home you should start renovating first?



Whether you want to sell or stay in your current home, you should consider renovating and fixing any sort of structural problem within your home first.

Start looking at the foundations. Make sure there are no cracks or water leakages in the basement. Look at the walls and ceilings and try to locate the load-bearing walls and beams to see if there is any sort of bending, if there is, that could be a sign of major structural damage.

If you do not see any obvious structural damage to your property, you will want to focus your attention on the building envelope. The building envelope is what separates the exterior from the interior space of the building.

Three areas you should be emphasizing your attention are:

- The Site Drainage: Make sure that any water, due to rain or snow, is draining away from the building.
- Then take a look at the exterior wall to make sure there is no visible damage that could create a water entry point.
- Finally, take a look at your roof. Make sure the roof shingles are in good condition.

Now that you have fixed all the serious problems in the structural and exterior sections in your home you will want to look into the interior renovations, like, flooring, painting, creating a new kitchen layout, etc.

It is important to note that if you are planning on selling, you should focus on the areas that will increase your property value.



Focus your interior renovation plans in high-traffic areas. For example, the kitchen. If that is the case for you, then start your changes there. Some kitchen renovations could include new cabinets and counters, wall painting, and in some cases layout changes. Make sure to always keep your budget in mind as well as the construction time needed to complete the project.

Try not to cut corners when it comes to renovating your home. If for some reason, you can't afford to do the renovation, take a deep breath and rethink your options. Maybe waiting a couple of months until you can properly afford it, will save you a lot of headaches, disappointments, and discontent.

If you want more tips about where to start, what areas in your home need renovating, or if you need any help finding the right contractor please contact us.