

National Association of Home Builders

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Hiring A Professional Remodeler

The decision to hire a home remodeler can be intimidating. This section will give you the tools and inside information on finding, evaluating, hiring and working with a remodeler. Your home is your biggest investment, and the best way to protect it is by hiring an ethical, professional remodeler. Let's get started!

Find a Professional

When you hire a remodeler, you are buying a service rather than a product. The quality of the service the remodeler provides will determine the quality of the finished product and your satisfaction.

Get a List: The first step to hiring a professional is to build a list of candidates, and flipping through the Yellow Pages is not the ideal method. Learn the best way to [begin your search](#).

The Inside Scoop: Once you have your list of remodelers, how do you properly evaluate their credentials? Get the inside information on [what to ask and look for](#) in home contractors.

Evaluate References: You don't want to just question the remodeler, but also learn first hand from the remodeler's current and former customers. Learn [what to ask references](#).

Make the Decision: Now you've done your homework and it's time to choose. Get some final guidelines to [evaluate your remodeler](#).

Work With a Professional

Since you've done the hard work of evaluating and hiring a professional, the next step is ensuring your home remodel goes smoothly.

Live with Your Remodel: The only thing left is the remodeling itself. Learn how to [adapt to your home as a work site](#), communicate with your remodeler, and schedule your project for a smooth remodeling experience.

Prevent the Fever: Now that the project is underway, the disruption can become rather large depending on the scope of the remodel. Learn how to [manage the potential stress](#) of a project that's underway.

Be a Good Neighbor: A professional remodeler goes out of their way to minimize any inconvenience to your neighbors, but sometimes it doesn't hurt to be neighborly yourself. [Learn more](#).

Home Maintenance: Finally, now that you've gone through the time, energy, and expense of upgrading your home you want to keep it in top shape. [View](#) some tips on keeping your home well maintained.

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