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Tips for Hiring a Bathroom Remodeling Contractor



A bad contractor could sink your bathroom remodel.

Installing a shower door or replacing a faucet or toilet seat are minor improvements many homeowners can do themselves, but [extensive bathroom remodeling requires a higher level of skills](#) and should be left to the professionals.

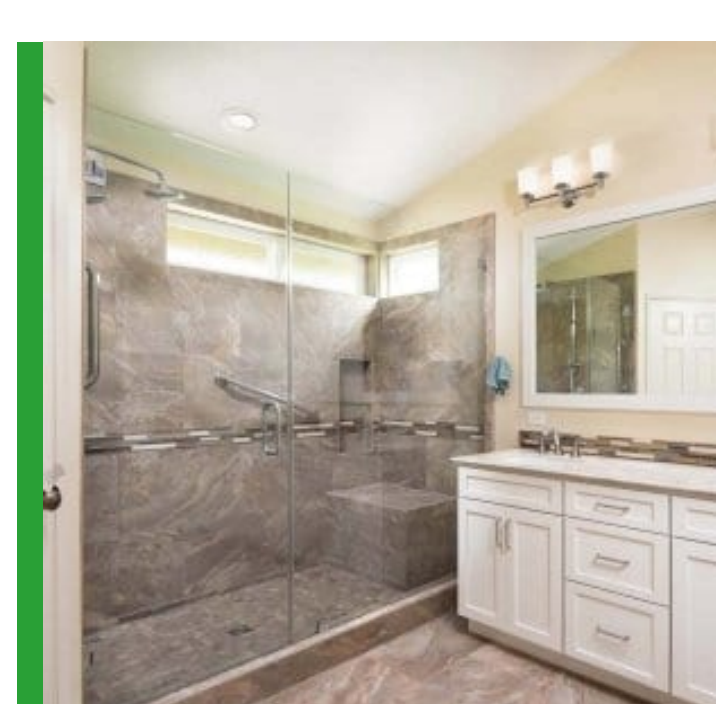
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A bad remodeling job can be costly to fix, so the best bet is to [hire a remodeling contractor](#) who will do the job right the first time. A professional remodeler has the necessary training and acquired skills to remodel your bathroom to your specifications.

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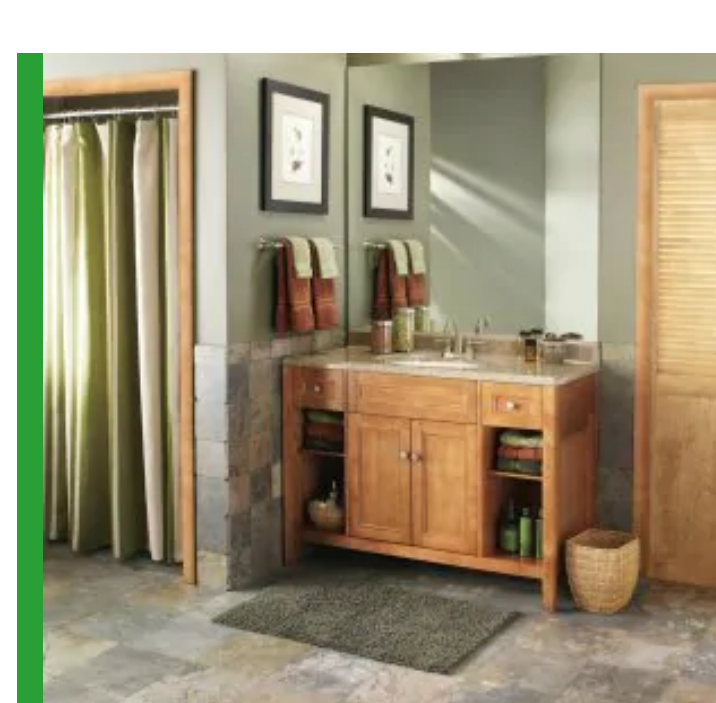
Need a new bathroom? Consider these shower design ideas for your next bathroom remodel.

Brainstorm bathroom remodeling ideas

You've probably looked at pictures in magazines or online for remodeling ideas. If you know how you want your new bathroom to look and have compiled some pictures, save them to show the remodeling contractor. Likewise, if you already know what types of fixtures you want, or you have ideas for wallpaper, keep a list of these items to share with the remodeling contractor.

It's important to know what you want before you ask a remodeler to put a price on it. Also, stay consistent with your plan when you invite remodeling contractors to give you quotes. Otherwise, it will be difficult to compare prices.

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Average bathroom remodels fall between \$9,600 to \$11,000 in costs. A low-end remodels typically cost around \$2,500 while high-end remodels cost around \$23,000.

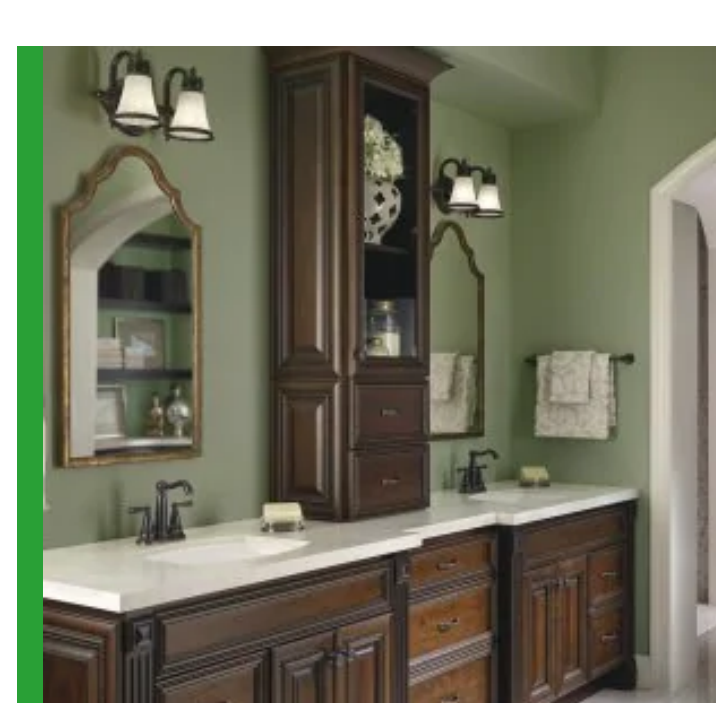
Hiring a bathroom remodeling contractor

Referrals and word of mouth are still the best ways to track down a reputable bathroom remodeling contractor. When the renovations are done on a professional level, and the customers are happy, this is how service industry businesses grow and prosper. So, if your neighbor, friend, coworker or family member was satisfied with a recent remodeling job, ask them for the service contractor's contact information so that you can get in touch to get an estimate.

Also, be sure to check [Angie's List](#) for highly rated bathroom remodelers in your area, and choose one who has established a good reputation and solid work experience. Hiring a new company that you know nothing about can be risky, especially if it's unable to give you references from previous clients.

When you've narrowed down your choices, contact several remodeling contractors, and arrange for them to come to your home to give you written estimates. Make sure that the contractor is licensed, insured and offers a guarantee on his or her work.

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Experts agree that bathroom remodeling, even in larger markets such as Chicago, doesn't have to cost thousands of dollars or weeks of intensive labor.

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