

## 1. How much will it cost?

The cost of a bathroom remodel depends on several factors. There are however four major factors to consider; Are you doing a full remodel or just an update, the size of your bathroom, the grade of fixtures and finishes you choose and the potential unseen damage behind surfaces such as mold, wood rot or termite damage. All of these factors have to be considered when figuring out how much your remodel will cost.

## 2. How can I save money?

At Handyman Matters we will help you keep the cost of your project down. If you are looking for cost efficient alternatives, we encourage you to buy your own materials, saving you money. We can even tell you what to get. We also allow you to provide "sweat-equity"; you can work beside us to get the project completed quicker. Also, with all our projects, you only pay for the time spent working on your project. Unlike a fixed bid, we do not build in "blue-sky what-ifs." This alone can often cut down on the cost.

## 3. Should I replace my old cast Iron tub?

If the tub does not have to be removed to repair the sub flooring we often recommend simply refinishing the tub's surface. This is often comparable to replacing the tub with a less durable poly or fiberglass tub but you keep the quality of the sturdy cast iron tub.

## 4. Can I change the layout of my bathroom?

The standard bathroom size is often five foot wide by eight foot deep with little option for layout. We can however often capture space from adjoining rooms to better accommodate different layouts and more space.

## 5. Should I change out my fixtures or reuse my existing fixtures?

Fixtures are the mechanical parts of your bathroom and like any machine they wear out with use. Unless your fixtures are less than a year old, we recommend changing them out with new ones, especially when it comes to your shower or tub valves. These valves are behind walls and are difficult to get to once installed. This makes remodel time the best time to change them out as the wall will most likely be opened up at this time anyway.

## 6. I'm not sure what to use for flooring?

There are many types of flooring however not all flooring is appropriate for the bathroom. You have to remember this is a WET area. Absorbent materials like carpet, wood and laminates are not good choices. These materials can trap moisture leading to problems with mold, rot and termites. The best materials are sheet vinyl products or properly installed tile or stone.

## 7. I'm not sure what colors to choose.

Color is a very personal choice. When making color choices, unless you plan on living in the house forever, it is wise to keep your color choices for fixtures like tubs, toilet and shower units some what neutral. The same is true for large areas of tile on walls. These are the most expensive items to change out later. Bold color can be introduced with wall paint colors and accent pieces or wall hangings. Paint colors can be easily changed later to suit someone else's taste.

## 8. How many people will be working on my bathroom project?

Our craftsmen are skilled in all the areas needed to complete most bathroom remodels on their own. On most projects you will be working with the same craftsman from start to finish. On larger projects we may have a second craftsman on site to assist on the project as well.

## 9. I need to modify my bathroom for handicap accessibility can you help me?

Yes, we are certified through the National Association of Home Builders to become Certified Aging-in-place Specialists (C.A.P.S) as recognized by A.A.R.P. We understand the ways to help make your home easier for you to live in with modifications to home including bathroom modifications like roll in showers, grab bars, lighting and widening doors.

## 10. What can I expect from Handyman Matters?

At handyman matters, stellar customer service and quality craftsmanship are our top priorities. Unlike our competitors, you can expect the following with every project:

- o We will make sure to cover your flooring from the entry to the work area.
- o We will minimize the dust entering your home from work area.
- o You will not hear the sounds of radios and cursing.
- o Absolutely no smoking is allowed on your property.
- o You will receive daily communication from the craftsman regarding the projects progress.
- o We show up on time! If we are not five minutes early, we're late.
- o We will maximize the availability of the toilet in a one bathroom home.
- o We clean up the job site daily. No mess for you to deal with overnight.



'Clean, courteous, polite. I was very pleased, so nice to have such good service. Thank you.'

- Kathleen R.

'Very happy with work and with craftsman. Has already recommended HMM and will also use us again.'

- Gwen A.

