



# MEADOWLARK REMODEL TIMELINE GUIDE



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A home remodel is an exciting project, but it's also one that can take up a great deal of your time and energy. From all of the planning and design to the actual work of getting your home prepared to house a construction crew, there's a lot to consider.

At Meadowlark Design+Build, remodels are what we do on a daily basis. We know exactly what is needed to create a beautiful space that matches your design and vision, but that also sticks to a timeline and a budget. We've put that experience into this handy remodel timeline guide to help you identify exactly what you need to do — and when — to keep your side of the upcoming remodel moving smoothly.

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## 6-12 MONTHS

### BEFORE YOUR REMODEL

- ☐ Develop a "vision board" for your remodel on Houzz, Pinterest, or similar.
- ☐ Determine your list of "needs" and "wants" for the project.
- ☐ Ensure that all partners are on the same page for design goals.
- ☐ Begin speaking to local lenders to get a general idea of budget.
- ☐ Choose the team you'd like to handle your remodel.
- ☐ Determine your remodeling team's availability.

## 5-6 MONTHS

### BEFORE YOUR REMODEL

- ☐ Work with your remodel designer to finalize the budget for your project.
- ☐ Contact local lenders who understand your market. If you're not sure where to turn, your designer can always provide recommendations.
- ☐ Collaborate with your remodel designer through the conceptual phase of your project's design.
- ☐ Start looking at appliances, and even selecting the options you like. Lead times on appliances can be lengthy.

## 3-5 MONTHS

### BEFORE YOUR REMODEL

- ☐ Now is the time to move your design concepts towards a final product with your designer. You'll work together to go from big concepts to the small details that make up final drawings and construction documents.
- ☐ Your remodeler will schedule trade walk-throughs with experts like electricians, plumbers, and more. Expect to have a few people walking through your home!
- ☐ Work with your designer to finalize all of the small detail planning. This can take time, but will have a huge impact on your finished project.
- ☐ Now is the time to finalize financing:
  - If you're planning to get a construction loan, work with your contractor to obtain the appropriate documentation for the bank.
  - If you're getting a Home Equity Loan, make sure you've received funds from your lender.
- ☐ Begin choosing selections with your designer. Since paint colors, light fixtures, furniture, and every other detail can be overwhelming all at once, your designer will work with you to help make sure all your selections work well with the design plan you've already made.
- ☐ Start looking for accommodations if you plan to move out of the home during your remodel.

## 2 MONTHS

### BEFORE YOUR REMODEL

- ☐ Make any final decisions on your design. Your designer will check in with you to make sure there's nothing left outstanding at this point.
- ☐ Ensure your temporary housing is secured and ready for you to move in when construction starts.
- ☐ If needed, secure a storage area for any furniture and belongings that need to be out of the house or kept safe during construction.
- ☐ At this point, your final construction contract with your remodeling team should be signed, and all final decisions for construction and selections made. You're getting so close to the project!



## 1 MONTH

### BEFORE YOUR REMODEL

- ☐ Begin packing up the area of the home to be remodeled.
- ☐ Try to use up what your family has in the kitchen so food doesn't go to waste when you move.
- ☐ Schedule a pre-construction meeting with your designer and project manager to ensure a smooth transition into construction and to answer any of your questions.

## 2 WEEKS

### BEFORE YOUR REMODEL

- ☐ Have the majority of furniture and other items out of the area to be remodeled.
- ☐ Take final trips to the storage area, if using.
- ☐ If you're moving into temporary housing, pack up everything your family will need while you're gone.
- ☐ If you're planning to stay in the home while you remodel, make sure you know how and where you're going to live in the home, away from the construction area.
- ☐ Create a dedicated space for remodeling contracts and receipts so they don't get misplaced if your family moves out temporarily.

## 1 WEEK

### BEFORE YOUR REMODEL

- ☐ Take your "before" pictures!
- ☐ Make sure all the final items are out of the remodel area.
- ☐ Make sure your family's bags are packed for your temporary home if you're moving.
- ☐ Your contractor will work with you to make sure they have everything they need. They'll install a lockbox and confirm your phone number and temporary address.
- ☐ Put any necessary items in storage, and make sure everything is where you want it in the house.
- ☐ Your contractor will manage dust and cleanliness by prepping the site with plenty of furniture covers, drop cloths, and dust protection.



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## Get Started with Meadowlark Design+Build

A remodel can be stressful. Knowing you've done everything you can to keep the process moving smoothly can help. If you're worried about a remodeling project dragging on for months, or if you're just not sure where to start when it comes to remodeling, get in touch with the experts at Meadowlark Design+Build.