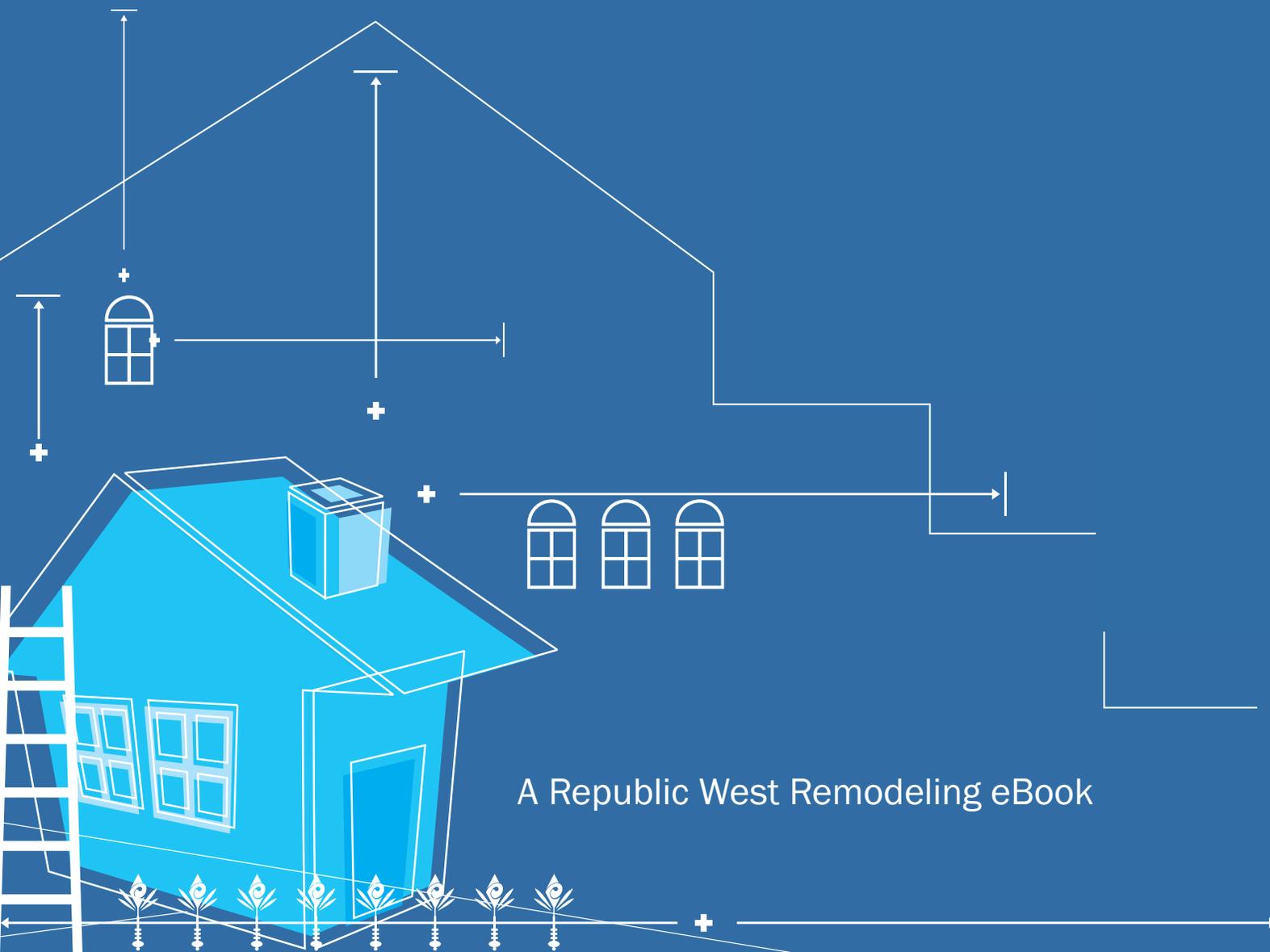




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A Republic West Remodeling eBook

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Perhaps you just purchased a house that you love, but the interior design simply doesn't reflect your personal taste and style. Or, maybe you've become an empty nester and you want to renovate your home to suit your evolving lifestyle.

Scenarios like these often call for a whole home remodeling project which – as you may be aware – can be an overwhelming, complicated process.

When it comes to remodeling projects, you need to understand that remodeling a whole home takes time. You can't expect that everything will be completed in a week, or even in a month. In fact, whole home remodels usually require demolishing a large portion of your home and renovating each room. As such, there are many different team members involved in the process.



Getting Started



Before you do anything, it's smart to sit down face-to-face with a professional contractor. This person will work with you each step of the way to ensure that all your needs are being met. A contractor can help you with all aspects of your whole-home remodeling project, from working with codes officials and hiring subcontractors to ordering supplies and maintaining various project deadlines.

When you remodel a whole house, there are many factors to keep in mind. For instance, if your home was built pre-1980, then you may have lead concerns. Older homes commonly used materials that, by today's standards, are considered unsafe, like lead paint and asbestos ceiling tiles. A professional contractor can help you understand what needs to be done to keep you and your family safe.

Because a whole-home remodeling job has so many aspects, a contractor can help you hire subcontractors for all phases of the project. In many cases, you need carpenters, plumbers, HVAC professionals, electricians, flooring installers and interior designers.

Another factor to take into consideration is whether or not your home will be "livable" during all – or part – of the remodeling project. Some homeowners consider staying with family or finding a short-term rental while their home is in the process of remodeling.

No Two Renovations Are the Same, Yet the Process Is Universal

So you've decided to renovate your entire home. Before you start knocking down walls, it's important to talk to professionals, and do some of your own research and planning. As daunting as it sounds, it will definitely pay off in the long run.

Consider the following checklist a little pre-renovation homework. Keep in mind: the more professionals you speak to before diving in, the greater your chances of finishing your renovation on time and, most importantly, on budget.



Assess your current house.

Make a list of the good and bad aspects of your home. During this stage, ask professional builders to identify any potential structural issues, especially if you notice any warning signs, such as rotting, leaking or cracking.



Develop your wish list.

From functional, structural and styling perspectives, identify and prioritize your whole home wish list.

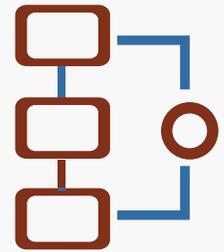


Track down building requirements.

For most renovations you make to a house, you must comply with local building laws. It's vital to understand these laws early in the game, especially so you know what you can and can't do.

Hire a designer and project manager.

If you're planning a major whole home renovation, you will need support from designers, architects and builders. Their professional experience at this stage can add tremendous value. Always get multiple quotes and find a team you can trust. If the builder is managing the project for you, then he or she can book and manage the support team of subcontractors – think electricians and plumbers – to help with various projects.



Obtain permits.

In each state and town, there are varying permit requirements related to building homes. Getting this process right the first time is key, so make sure you gather the facts well in advance – as delays may impact your time line and your bank account.



Secure finances for the project.

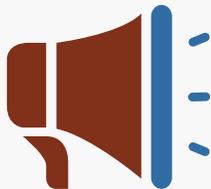
Ensure you finance the project in the most cost-effective way. While some homeowners take out a personal loan, others refinance their current home loan using equity in their home.





During the renovation.

Depending on the depth and scope of the renovation, you may need to move out during some of the stages. Factor this aspect into the game plan so you're ready if you need find a place to stay.



It's all in the details.

Remember who is ultimately in charge – you, the homeowner. So always speak up if there is an issue during the renovation that concerns you.

Finally, it's important to understand that dealing with a professional contractor or renovator is your greatest protection against an unskilled or unfinished job. A written contract can spell out the arrangements between both parties and details the renovation step by step.

The Bottom Line



No one ever claimed that whole home remodeling projects are easy, but if you follow our tips, you should get through the process smoothly. Just remember to keep in mind that each stage of the process will be worth it in the end.

Looking for more advice about planning your whole house renovation checklist? At [Republic West Remodeling](#), our contractors communicate well with you right from the start. We take the time to answer questions and educate homeowners about the renovation process, and respond to questions quickly. Contact us today to schedule your free consultation.

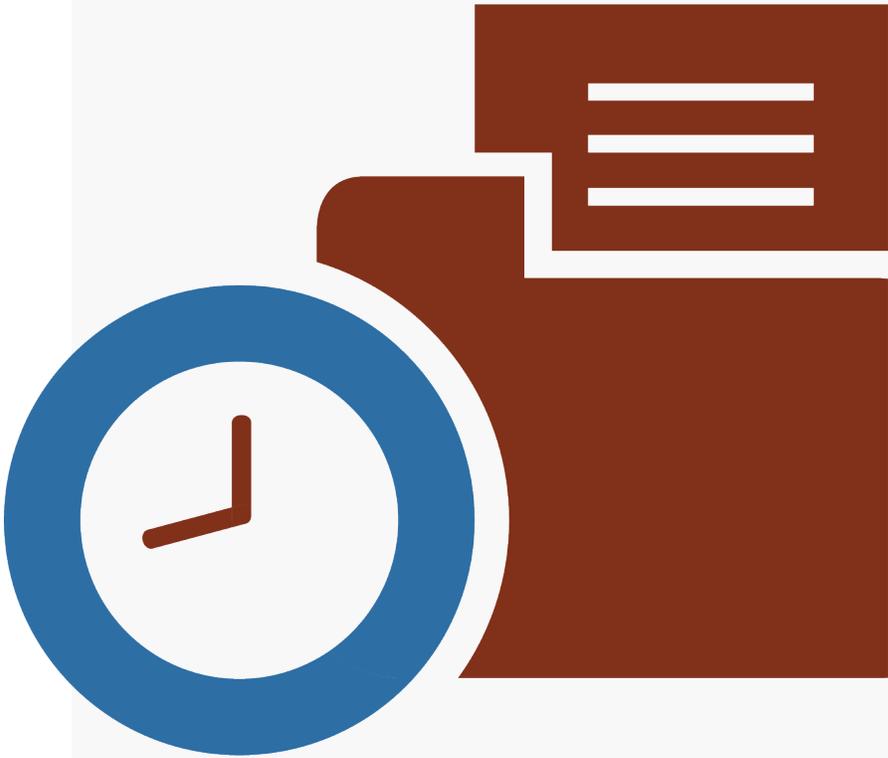
Here are some common remodeling concerns the [Republic West Remodeling](#) team has addressed with clients over the years:



Is my project, which is estimated to take six to eight weeks, going to take longer?

If you choose a home remodeling contractor who respects your family's valuable time, this should not be an issue. We understand that homeowners want remodeling work completed as quickly as possible, so we always do everything in our power to make that a reality.

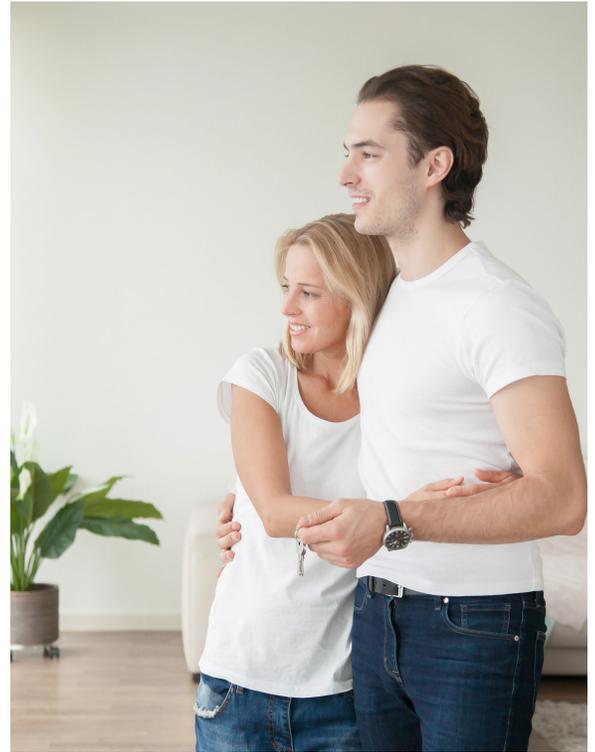
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Will my home remodeling project go way over budget?

For those familiar with the home remodeling process, it's not uncommon for issues to occasionally arise. With this said, we focus on clear communication and proactive problem-solving that helps us deal with issues as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Our team spends a lot of time carefully planning out each and every detail of your whole home remodeling project. This helps us avoid going over budget and it's our number one goal to deliver what we promise.



How can I find an honest, ethical home remodeling company I can trust?

We strongly recommend asking for referrals from friends, colleagues and neighbors. Check around, and find out which home remodeling companies have the best reputation. Choose professionals that have a long, solid track record in your area, and that have a good reputation for performing top-quality work.

What are people saying about us?

Let's look at some testimonials:



William H

“Republic West built my garage addition better than I had hoped for. As my wife said it looks like it has always been a part of the house, and the price was the same as other builders with lesser design ideas.”

Julie Swartz

“We love our new kitchen! Thank you Aaron Wiesman and the entire Republic West team for making our dream kitchen a reality!”

Jean Eisenach

“Republic West staff and contractors were great to work with and resulted in a completed kitchen project on time and on budget! New granite counter tops, rock back splash, lighting, etc. We are so happy with the end result.”

Paul Wieser

“Republic West remodeled our master bath. Staff was most professional and took a direct personal interest in getting the job completed on time and to the highest of standards.”

THE HOME REMODELING CUSTOMER'S BILL OF RIGHTS



1 COST CERTAINTY

The right to know, before I agree to any project, what the project cost will be upon contract signing, along with a true and accurate understanding of what my project will cost upon its completion.

2 FREE SPEECH!

The right to know that my ideas have been heard and integrated into the process and the design. The right to know that at a project's completion, it will very closely resemble the renderings I was presented with when asked to sign a contract.

3 TIME CERTAINTY

The right to have a realistic timeframe of a project's execution from the beginning of construction to the completion of the project—a realistic timeframe that does everything possible to minimize my family's inconvenience during the construction process.

4 HIGH STANDARDS

The right to know a project will be designed and produced in compliance with city codes and regulations, and that an architect with extensive residential remodeling experience will do the planning for construction and execution.

5 TOP QUALITY

The right to quality products and craftsmanship.

6 R-E-S-P-E-C-T

The right to know that my home will be treated with the utmost care and cleanliness during the construction process. The right to know, each day, who will be in my home and what time they will arrive/depart. The right to know my home, my family, and my pets will be safe and secure during the construction process.

7 NO INTERRUPTIONS!

The right to know that my remodeling project will be performed without unnecessary interruption from start to finish.

8 OPEN COMMUNICATION

The right to know I can express my thoughts and concerns freely and openly throughout the remodeling process.

9 HONESTY

The right to effective, honest, and economically fair problem solving on behalf of the remodeling contractor.

10 EXCELLENCE

The right to know that the home remodeling company I choose will stand behind their work long after the remodeling project is completed, and provide excellent customer service.





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Watch the videos:

www.youtube.com/user/RWRRemodeling



Republic West Remodeling assures that you will receive a thoughtful, comprehensive and proven business model in the most caring and respectful manner throughout your remodeling experience. Republic West has provided excellent service at competitive pricing for over 17,000 clients in the Phoenix Metropolitan area and would like to do the same for you!

For more information on home remodeling, or to request a free, no obligation, design consultation, visit <http://www.republicwestremodeling.com> or call (480) 428-2695.