



## Surviving a Remodel

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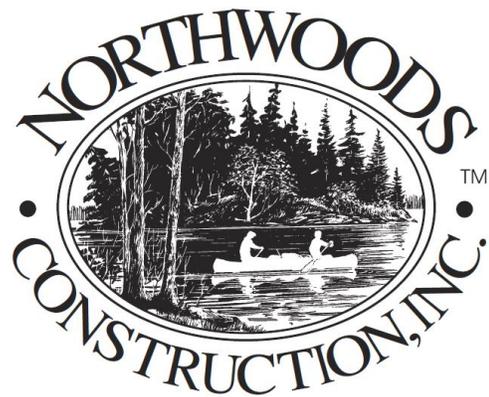
During a remodel it is important to ready yourself for what is to come. During this time you will experience a loss of some key part of your house whether it be a major spot like your bathroom or kitchen, or a minor spot like basement or spare bedroom. During this time you will have to plan a way to get by without this area of your home.

Choosing a contractor is a very important part of the remodel. You want someone who is good at organizing the project and able to understand your vision and turn it into a reality. You want someone who understands that this can be a difficult time for the homeowner, as your personal space is being turned upside down. The contractor should also take every step possible to minimize the mess, (although impossible to eliminate). You want to make sure when they leave at the end of the day they don't leave you with their mess to clean up.

Along with choosing the right contractor, you will want to be well set on the plan and the materials you want to use before you start. There is nothing worse than getting halfway into a remodel and having to stop progress because you just picked out a product

to use and it has a two-week delivery time.

In conclusion, it is important to plan ahead with your contractor and to keep the lines of communication open. To help eliminate any surprises so in the end you're left with a product that you are proud of. Just remember that the small sacrifices you have to make during the remodeling process are well worth the years of enjoying the end result.



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