



Remodeling Checklist

- **Write It Down**

Walk through your home and write down all the dreams you have for it.

- **Hit the Web**

Search for remodeling ideas on the NARI Madison CotY Award Winners shown online, in NARI Tour homes, and on Houzz and Pinterest. Many online sites let you create boards and project pages to collect your ideas. Capture details about countertops, tile, cabinets, appliances, and favorite paint colors.

- **Plan It Out**

Figure out your financial resources so you know how much you can spend on a remodel project. Don't forget to budget for interior design...furniture, lighting, window treatments, etc. to finish the look.

- **Call the Best**

Look to NARI Madison as your best resource for professional, ethical and experienced remodeling companies, subcontractors and suppliers.

- **Do Your Homework**

Call the contractor's references, ask to go see at least one of their remodeling projects.

- **Give in to Your Gut**

The remodeling contractor or subcontractor will "live" with you and your family for days or weeks or months. Your gut feel tells you if you are comfortable with this person!

- **Define the Details**

Your remodeling proposal and/or contract should be comprehensive and include product descriptions, start and approximate completion dates, payment schedule, change order procedures, warranties, and alternative dispute resolution clauses.

- **Stay on Top of Progress**

Inspect each phase before making payment. Make sure everything is done to your satisfaction before you make the final payment.

- **Keep Your Perspective**

Remodeling can be disruptive to your normal household environment. Take a deep breath, keep your focus and enjoy collaborating with the remodeling contractor or subcontractor for the end result.

- **Celebrate the Dream**

Invite your family, friends, neighbors to see your new remodeling project, and start dreaming about the next one!