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Preparing for Your Kitchen Remodel

In order to make it as easy as possible, we invite you to take advantage of our experience and the great tips we have put together for you.

In the weeks before the work begins, keep a list of all those restaurants you have been meaning to try and look out for their coupons in the mail (check out Valpak and other mass coupon mailings). When the microwave gets old, your list will come in handy for a quick escape!

Before the cabinets arrive – decide on a safe enclosed area for the cabinets and appliances to be delivered to. Usually the garage is a good location.

Pack up the kitchen or bathroom well before the remodel. While it is a great time to “spring clean” your shelves, don’t forget to label the storage boxes well. This will make the unpacking process a lot easier and a lot more fun! Items that are fragile should be marked accordingly and stored in an area away from the construction.

Plan a location outside of the area where the remodeling is being done to act as your temporary kitchen.

Don’t Forget

- The fridge! Usually the fridge will be moved and plugged back into an adjacent room.
- You may be able to temporarily move everything you need . . . except the kitchen sink! Consider where your “water source” will be in relation to your temporary kitchen.
- Microwave (and a freezer stocked with microwavable meals!)
- Toaster/Toaster Oven (set it like an oven for frozen foods when the microwave gets old!)
- In a fond farewell to you old kitchen, spend some time in it cooking. Make family favorites and throw them in the freezer. We promise you . . . you will thank yourself later!
- Coffee maker (filters and coffee, too). You will want this old friend during the renovation!
- Utensils such as the can opener, bottle opener, sharp knives, and microwavable dishes
- Keep the basics handy: butter, salt & pepper, favorite spices
- Dining tables are best covered by a cloth to prevent damage. Consider setting up a folding card table to act as your “kitchen” space.
- Go for a picnic . . . use environmentally friendly paper plates, napkins, and plasticware.
- Don’t forget cleaning supplies and dishtowels.
- If it is a bathroom remodel, pretend you are packing to go on a trip. Remember the hairdryer and curling iron!

Other Things to Consider:

- Don't forget about Fido and Kitty! If there is not an area in your home to keep them safely away from construction, especially during certain phases - it maybe a perfect time to treat your pet to day care at a local business or friend's home.
- Decide in advance where you would like the installers to store their tools. Don't forget they'll need access to a restroom, so be thinking about which restroom you won't mind being used during the renovation process.
- Dust . . . there is just no way to avoid it! If there is a fish tank or electrical equipment in close proximity to the work, remember to keep them well covered.
- Noises and smells will accommodate your renovation at times so be prepared.

Feel free to contact us for more information or to answer any questions!

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