

Renovation checklist

Whether it is a major renovation, or a smaller one, whether it is your first renovation, or perhaps the 10th.

Proper organization of this renovation ensures that nothing is forgotten and rest during the renovation.

We regularly come across situations where crucial things have been forgotten, such as building permits and how annoying is it if your renovation is delayed?

So now this useful checklist.

We have split the renovation checklist into 4 phases;

- **Preparation phase**
- **Start phase**
- **Renovation phase**
- **Aftercare**

You can use the checklist for every renovation; with a smaller renovation you can of course skip a number of points.

Preparation phase

- Put your wishes on paper and possibly get ideas via internet & home magazines
- Determine your budget
- Discuss the options for a possible loan
- See if your renovation is eligible for any subsidies
- View when you want to renovate
- Look for a suitable contractor and request a quote, ask for experiences in your area and / or search the internet. Feel free to ask for references!

Start phase

During the start phase, you are primarily actively in conversation with your architect and constructor.

It is also possible that your contractor does this together with you.

- Have the building plans been made?
- Have all the required permits been applied for?
- Have a construction calculation made if necessary.
- See if you can continue to live at home during the renovation or if sleeping places need to be arranged.
- If necessary, look for a temporary shower spot
- Arrange a temporary accommodation for any pets
- Find a storage location for your furniture
- Talk to your neighbors about the renovation plans.
- Make clear agreements with your contractor and put them on paper
- Make a schedule

Renovation phase

- Are all agreements clear to both you and the contractor, discuss everything with your contractor for the last time.
- Has your insurance company informed about the renovation
- Keep in touch with your contractor during the renovation
- Feel free to come and see for yourself and follow the progress
- Put any additional and less work on paper
- Keep a good view of your budget
- Make a pot of coffee once in a while and possibly provide a sandwich
- Supervise during the renovation and discuss any problems / uncertainties directly with your contractor

- Make sure that decisions, that have to be made, do not delay for too long, this ensures that the renovation works can be continued as smoothly as possible.
- Ensure timely payment of the partial invoice

Aftercare

After the renovation, you would prefer to return to your own home as quickly as possible. Yet it's important that this last phase is not skipped. In the long term, good aftercare will result in lower costs and you can enjoy your home longer.

- Walk through the house with your contractor and look critically at how the work is done
- Check the following points;
 - Working windows and doors
 - All cranes work
 - Check the radiators
 - Check the electricity
 - Everything was delivered broom clean
- Agree to the delivery, or make agreements about any checkpoints that still have to be completed.
- Make a maintenance plan
- Save all contracts, building permits, drawings and invoices in 1 binder
- Ask the contractor where the pipes run, if you still want to drill
- Increase any insurance policies

Make sure that the contractor tells you what you can do best for the property to maintain. This way you avoid high maintenance costs and you will enjoy your new home longer.

Do you have questions about a renovation, maintenance, or would you like to receive a free offer?

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