

WELCOME TO YOUR STRESS-FREE RENOVATION JOURNEY

- Thinking about a kitchen remodel in Oakville, a basement finish in Milton, or a full home addition in Toronto? Home renovation is an exciting venture, but the process can quickly become overwhelming without a clear plan.
- At SweetHome Spaces, we are **licensed, guaranteed, and insured General Contractors** serving Mississauga and the entire GTA, and we believe the secret to a successful project is thorough preparation.
- This "Renovation Ready" Checklist cuts through the complexity, giving you the exact steps our most successful clients follow *before* the first nail is hammered. Use these 10 essential steps to define your vision, secure your budget, and choose a **reliable, professional partner** like SweetHome Spaces.
- Let's make your dream home a stress-free reality.

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1	Finalize the "Must-Haves"	☑ Define Non-Negotiables: Clearly list features you absolutely cannot compromise on (e.g., walk-in pantry, accessible shower, specific wall removal). ☑ Set Functional Goals: Write down the primary purpose of the renovation (e.g., increase storage, improve flow for entertaining, add value for sale).
2	Determine Your Total Budget Range	☑ Establish a Min & Max Total Spend: Set a clear financial boundary <i>before</i> contacting contractors to ensure you are looking for realistic quotes. ☑ Research Material Costs: Have a general idea of the costs for your desired finishes (e.g., high-end vs. mid-range tile, cabinet grade).
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3	Allocate Your Contingency Fund	☑ Budget 15-20% for Surprises: In older GTA homes (especially in Malton or parts of Toronto), unexpected issues like plumbing or electrical upgrades are common. ☑ Separate the Fund: This money should be set aside and not included in your initial contractor quote.
4	Create Your Visual Inspiration File	☑ Collect 10+ Images: Use Pinterest, Houzz, or photos to show your desired style, colour palette, and layout. ☑ Document the "Don'ts": Include 2-3 images of features or styles you <i>hate</i> to help contractors narrow the focus.
5	Pre-Select Key Materials	☑ Choose Non-Perishables: Identify your top 3 choices for tile, flooring, fixtures, and paint colours. ☑ Check Lead Times: Verify the estimated delivery time for custom items like cabinets or specialty windows—long lead times dictate the entire project start date.
6	Verify Contractor Licensing & Insurance	☑ Confirm Liability Coverage: Ensure the contractor (SweetHome Spaces) has current liability insurance covering work in Mississauga/GTA. ☑ Check WSIB Clearance: Confirm that all workers are covered by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board.
7	Contact Past Client References	☑ Ask for 3 Relevant References: Request references from projects similar to yours (e.g., a Kitchen Remodel if you're doing a kitchen). ☑ Key Questions to Ask: Inquire specifically about communication, quality of trade work, and whether the project finished close to the original timeline.
8	Establish the Communication Protocol	☑ Define Your Main Contact: Know who (the Project Manager at SweetHome Spaces) is your <i>single</i> point of contact for daily questions. ☑ Agree on Update Frequency: Confirm if you will receive daily texts, weekly emails, or site meetings (e.g., every Friday morning).

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9	Plan the "Project Protection"	☑ Set Up the Temporary Zone: If applicable, plan where your family will cook, bathe, or work while the main area is under construction. ☑ Clear the Work Area: Remove all personal items, fragile decorations, and furniture near the site to save time and prevent damage before demolition starts.
10	Understand the Contract Essentials	☑ Review Payment Milestones: Ensure the payment schedule is clearly defined and tied to specific, verifiable project milestones. ☑ Verify the Warranty: Confirm the length and scope of the workmanship guarantee provided by SweetHome Spaces. ☑ Define the Change Order Process: Understand exactly how changes requested <i>after</i> the contract is signed will be priced and approved.

READY TO MOVE FROM CHECKLIST TO CONSTRUCTION?

- You've taken the critical first step toward a successful renovation by preparing with this checklist. Now that your vision, budget, and expectations are clear, the next step is simple: partner with a professional team that can execute your plan with precision.
- SweetHome Spaces is your **local, trusted, and fully insured General Contractor** specializing in high-quality kitchen, bath, and custom renovations across the GTA. We guarantee transparent pricing, expert craftsmanship, and a reliable process designed to minimize stress.
- Don't just get ready—get started.** Contact us today for a free, no-obligation consultation to discuss your "Renovation Ready" project.
- SweetHome Spaces | Professional. Licensed. Guaranteed.**

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