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# The SweetHome Spaces Checklist: 10 Steps to Get Your Mississauga & GTA Home "Renovation Ready"

## 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).<br>☑ **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 *before* contacting contractors to ensure you are looking for realistic quotes.<br>☑ **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.<br>☑ **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**.<br>☑ **Document the "Don'ts":** Include 2-3 images of features or styles you *hate* 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.<br>☑ **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.<br>☑ **Check WSIB Clearance:** Confirm that all workers are covered by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. |
| 7 | **Contact "Past References"** | ☑ **Ask for 3 Relevant References:** Request references from projects similar to yours (e.g., a Kitchen Remodel if you're doing a kitchen).<br>☑ **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 *single* point of contact for daily questions.<br>☑ **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.<br>☑ **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.<br>☑ **Verify the Warranty:** Confirm the length and scope of the workmanship guarantee provided by SweetHome Spaces.<br>☑ **Define the Change Order Process:** Understand exactly how changes requested *after* 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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