

# What to expect while you wait

## How to Make the Most of Your Time Before Design Begins

Once you've signed your Design Retainer and your project is on our schedule, there's often a short wait before the design phase officially starts. That wait isn't lost time—it's an essential part of our process and a sign that your project is in good hands.

It means you've partnered with a company whose work is in high demand, and that we're preparing to give your remodel the same focused attention that has earned us our reputation for quality. While you wait, here's how to make the most of this stage:

**1 DREAM AND GATHER INSPIRATION** 

Explore what inspires you.

- Save photos, create Pinterest boards, or collect magazine clippings.
- Walk through your space and note what works — and what doesn't.
- Think long term: how might your needs evolve in 5-10 years.

The clearer your vision, the more aligned our design conversations will be.

**2 PREPARE YOUR SPACE** 

Get your home ready for what's ahead.

- Begin decluttering and organizing the areas that will be remodeled.
- Donate, sell, or store items you no longer need or want to keep.
- If storage is limited, start exploring short-term storage options.

Creating a clean, organized space now ensures your remodel can begin smoothly once design and construction are underway.

**3 CLARIFY YOUR PRIORITIES** 

Balance must-haves with nice-to-haves.

- What's non-negotiable?
- Where might you adjust scope to match your ideal budget?
- How do you envision using the space day-to-day?

Clear priorities keep your project focused and aligned with your goals.

**4 PLAN FOR LIFE DURING CONSTRUCTION** – It's never too early to prepare. 

- Plan temporary kitchen solutions if remodeling that space.
- Consider storage and daily routines for bathroom remodels.
- Make plans to keep kids and pets comfortable and safe during construction.

Early preparation means less disruption later.

**5 STAY CONNECTED** 

We'll keep you updated as your design start date approaches. And we're always here if you have questions or want to talk through ideas. Collaboration is a key part of what makes our process work.

## A NOTE ON SCHEDULING

Our design calendar often books several weeks in advance — and that's a good thing. It means every client gets the dedicated time and focus their home deserves. Once your project begins, the same care and attention will be devoted to you.

This isn't just "waiting." It's preparing — and it sets the stage for a smoother build and a finished space you'll love.