

Home Renovation Readiness Checklist

Everything you need to sort before the builders arrive

A home renovation is exciting — but preparation is key. Use this checklist to make sure you're truly ready before the first hammer swings.

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Planning & Permissions

- ☐ Define a clear scope of work — what exactly do you want done?
- ☐ Set a realistic budget (include a 10–15% contingency fund)
- ☐ Check whether you need planning permission or building regulations approval
- ☐ Notify your home insurance provider about the planned works
- ☐ If it's a party wall, serve a Party Wall Notice to your neighbours

Hiring Your Team

- ☐ Get at least three written quotations from different tradesmen
- ☐ Verify insurance, qualifications, and references for each
- ☐ Agree a written contract covering scope, timeline, costs, and payment schedule
- ☐ Confirm start date and expected completion date in writing

Preparing Your Home

- ☐ Clear the work area — move furniture, personal items, and valuables
- ☐ Protect flooring and fixtures in adjacent areas with dust sheets
- ☐ Set up a designated area for the tradesmen's tools and materials
- ☐ Ensure safe access — clear pathways, driveways, and entry points
- ☐ Arrange alternative living arrangements if the work is extensive

During the Renovation

- ☐ Keep a written record of any changes to the original plan (variations)
- ☐ Take regular photos of the progress for your records
- ☐ Communicate openly with your tradesman — don't let small issues build up
- ☐ Never make the final payment until you're fully satisfied with the work

Top Tip:

Keep a dedicated folder (physical or digital) for all quotes, contracts, receipts, and correspondence related to the project.

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