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If you're thinking of converting your bathtub to a shower, you're in good company. The American Institute of Architects says that the tub-less bathroom is growing in popularity. However, there's a caveat: Even if you only use your tub to wash the mini-blinds, most real estate agents are adamant about having at least one bathtub in your house to preserve marketability. A recent Houzz poll agrees, with 58% of respondents claiming, "you'll never sell that house without a tub." The conclusion? Go ahead and convert your old tub or tub/shower combo into a cool, walk-in shower, as long as one other bathroom in your house has a tub for tasks such as bathing small children.

**WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?**

Shower stall kits are low-cost options. They're typically made of acrylic or fiberglass, and include pre-made sides, a skid-proof floor pan with curbs and a drain hole, and a hinged glass door. They're made to fit into corners and old bathtub alcoves. The seamless, individual pieces make kit installation fast and relatively easy. The shower pan has curbs to contain water and a built-in slope for drainage. Kits are made in various sizes to fit all sorts of configurations, and some include extras such as built-in seats and shelves for bath products. You can also find curbless kits, but the requirements are the same — you'll either have to raise the level of the bathroom floor, or lower the floor of the kit for a seamless transition.

Tiled showers with curbs are built on site. The curbs typically are made with flat two-by-fours stacked on top of each other and finished with



a solid threshold. Either a solid or glass wall sits atop the curbs. Shower pans for use with tile are one-piece acrylic or fiberglass, or custom-made from poured mortar. The mortar is sloped by hand toward the drain, then covered with a waterproof rubber or vinyl membrane. Another layer of mortar — then tile — completes the job. Curbless showers use specially-made pans designed to fit flush with the surrounding subfloor so that tile can be laid continuously over both the shower and bathroom floor. If your floor is slab, you'll have to remove a section of the slab to make room for the pan. That's a noisy, messy job, but a concrete contractor should be able to do the work in two to three hours. If your floor is wooden, an alternative is to cut down the tops of the floor joists so that you can install a shower pan slightly below the level of your existing flooring. That way, the tile of your new shower will be flush with your existing flooring and you'll have a continuous, seamless floor. However, altering joists requires approval from your local building authority. You might be required to beef up supports before removing any wood.



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## PREPARING FOR A BATHROOM REMODEL - HOME ADVISOR



Bathroom remodeling is tricky because both plumbing and wiring are typically involved, hardly things you want to mix together, and it means you'll need a plumber and an electrician as subcontractors. No two bathrooms are the same: Thus, bathroom remodeling prep steps are likely to be modified for your project, but there are also several universal concepts that can be applied before your bathroom contractor arrives. Just remember that when it comes to fast and accurate advice, nobody is better than your remodeling contractor.

### BATHROOM REMODELING PREP STEPS FLOW OF TRAFFIC

Think about where your bathroom contractor will park his vehicle, which door he will be coming through, and his path from the door to the bathroom. Most contractors will need to make several trips back and forth, and asking them to remove their boots each way is really unrealistic and impractical. No matter what type of flooring you have, find some old towels or buy some carpet scraps and lay them in the path of traffic. This way, you protect your floors without interrupting the bathroom contractor's process.

### REMOVE ALL OBJECTS

Remove anything that is mobile from any area where the bathroom professional may be working. Doing these few things before the bathroom professional ever arrives will allow him to go right to work. Here are a few reminders:

- **Bathtub & Shower:** Remove all soaps, shampoos, washcloths, razors, and rubber ducks.
- **Toilet:** Remove toilet cover and anything sitting on the back of the toilet.
- **Sink:** Remove all soaps, candles, and any other item that is sitting on the counter of the sinks.
- **Sink Base:** Remove all items underneath the sink that may be in the way of the plumbing. If the sink base will be replaced, take everything out of the drawers as well.
- **Floor:** Remove all bathmats, magazines, trash cans, scales and anything sitting on the floor.
- **Walls:** If you are replacing the walls, pull off any

towel racks that you can. If you have a medicine cabinet, remove everything inside of it.

### ADVANCED PREP STEPS FOR DO IT YOURSELFERS

If you are really handy and have checked with the bathroom professional before you do anything, there are a few things you can do to help the contractor work a little more quickly, and maybe save you a little money. Do not do any of these things without checking with your contractor before hand.

- **Removing Tile:** If you have tile or linoleum and you are capable of tearing out the existing floor, remove all that you can. This can save everyone involved a lot of resources. Get some dos and don'ts from your bathroom pro first.
- **Turn the Water Off:** If the contractor is going to rip out most of the fixtures and reroute the plumbing, he will need to turn water off first. This is a simple task, but the contractor will appreciate not having to do it himself.
- **Shower Doors:** Whether you have shower doors or a curtain, removing these can help the contractors either by getting things out of their way or by doing a task they would have had to do themselves.

Many of the above topics are also part and parcel of bathroom maintenance.

### BATHROOM REMODELING PREPARATIONS

Of course, before you prepare your bathroom, you may need to prepare your finances. Whether you're paying for the project through cash reserves or through financing, you'll need some idea of how much the project is going to cost. Naturally, exact estimates can only be had through specific contractors, but we can give you a few clues about the possible range of expenses. The average cost of a bathroom remodel from HomeAdvisor customers is approximately \$9,000, but keep in mind this figure includes surface-level, partial, complete, and luxury bathroom remodeling projects. Remodeling Magazine, on the other hand, uses industry standards for a complete bathroom remodel with a few bells and whistles, such as a new tile surround, recessed medicine cabinet, and new flooring and wallpaper. Their cost estimate for a bathroom remodel is \$15,899. Once you have mustered your financial resources and completed the basic prep steps for your remodeled bathroom, it's time to step back and let the professionals go to work. These items will be a big help, and they also let the contractors know that you are thinking of them and wanting to make their job easy. Just don't try to overdo it. They are professionals, and while they will appreciate your preparation, they have everything else under control.

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