

Remodeling In Winter Has Its Perks

If you didn't get your kitchen remodeling plan, the bathroom expansion or the sunroom installation done this year, don't give up. While most people only consider projects like this during the milder seasons of the year, there's still plenty of time. Not only is the timing right, there are benefits of a fall and winter timeframe.

Set up a winter remodeling schedule and you'll be ready to enjoy your latest additions when the mild weather arrives. When others are just getting started, you're in full-swing. And, additional perks include more attention to detail from contractors and craftsmen.

Contractors Strive For Even Cashflow

Peaks and Valleys – contractors like to keep their crews busy as long as they can. While most try to make that all year around, seasonal layoffs are a way of life in the construction business. While they try to keep employees on regular schedules, contractors like to smooth out the peaks and valleys in their cash flow, too. That means there are positive elements working in your favor:

- Contractors have more time, fewer pressures, more flexibility
- The best craftsmen among the subcontractors have more time, too
- Government agencies have fewer requests for permits and inspections so your project can move through the process faster
- A winter project frees up your time for spring and summer activities – you can be using the new kitchen, bathroom or screened porch while others are wishing they had one

Contractors Have Time, Resources

Take advantage of the local talent pool and avoid the rush. Beginning in early spring the ads start appearing for renovations, home additions, new roofing, new windows and building whatever you need. Contractors are busy filling their calendars for the busy warm-weather months. When the rush begins even the simplest bathroom or kitchen upgrade may take twice as long just to get on the schedule, much less completed.

During the winter, because of their light schedule, both contractors and specialists have more time and flexible schedules. They can devote top resources to your project.

Work With Your Schedule, Don't Rearrange It

When contractors have time to be flexible they are able to work within your schedule. They can accommodate you better without your having to change plans and work around them as much. Are you already planning a winter vacation when the kids are out of school? Get with your contractor and that remodeling project may be done when you get home!

If you're among the group who spends part of their year in Wisconsin and part of it elsewhere – in warmer climes for the winter – cold months are ideal for remodeling. The project is done when you return and you don't live in a construction zone while it's completed.

When the warmth of spring and summer does arrive, chances are you'll want to be outdoors and active rather than making decisions on countertops, flooring or fixtures.

Check your calendar, connect with your contractor and get started. There's no better time.