



Thinking Home Improvement? Consider the Value of an Inspection During Remodeling

As interest rates remain at record low levels, more homeowners are tapping into their home's equity to take on home improvement and remodeling projects.

Both do-it-yourselfers and homeowners hiring contractors can benefit from a professional home inspection to make sure the remodeling is performed to industry standards and accepted methods while also providing peace of mind, regardless of the project's size or budget.

When to Call a Home Inspector

There is not wrong time to call upon a home inspector, particularly during a remodeling project.

- **Before the project:** An opportune time to schedule an inspection is before undertaking any remodeling project, whether you are doing it yourself or hiring a specialist. The home inspector can offer advice on the area(s) of the home that require the most immediate attention.
- **During the bidding process:** Consider consulting with a home inspector before hiring a professional renovation expert. Assuming the expert has submitted a bid on the project, the home inspector can help the homeowner review the proposals. If the homeowner has received several different bids, an ASHI inspector can help provide an understanding of what a reasonable price may be.
- **During the project:** Arranging for an inspection during the course of a remodeling project ensures the project is on the right path and construction is being done correctly.
- **Upon completion:** An inspection following completion of a project helps ensure that work was performed to specification.

For the purposes of remodeling, a home inspector is a consultant for home improvement and renovations. They can assist you throughout the entire process to help make sure your project is done correctly.

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