

# Remodel Planning Timeline

## What to Expect When Planning a Home Remodel

### BEFORE YOU START

Home remodels in LA take time not just to build, but to plan, coordinate, and permit properly. While every project is different, most remodels follow a similar sequence. Understanding this early helps homeowners set realistic expectations and make better decisions before construction begins.

### PHASE 1: EARLY PLANNING & GOALS

**Typical Duration:** 1-2 Months

- Define goals and priorities
- Identify which spaces will be remodeled
- Discuss Budget comfort & flexibility
- Evaluate whether the home will be occupied
- Identify major constraints or must-haves

**Clear goals and priorities reduce scope and changes later, one of the biggest causes of delays and budget stress.**

### PHASE 2: DESIGN & SCOPE

**Typical Duration:** 2-4 Months

- Architectural or Interior Design Development
- Layout refinements and space planning
- Material and finish direction
- Coordination with consultants (if needed)
- Preparation of permit-ready drawings

**Design is rarely a one pass. Revisions are normal as scope, budget, and feasibility become clearer.**

### PHASE 3: PERMITTING & PLAN REVIEW

**Typical Duration:** 2-6+ Months

Most remodels in Los Angeles require permits especially those involving structural, plumbing, or electrical changes.

- Permit application submission
- Plan review by city departments
- Responses to plan check comments
- Resubmittals as required

**Review timelines vary based on scope, complexity, and city workload. This phase often includes waiting periods between reviews.**

### PHASE 4: PRE-CONSTRUCTION PREP

**Typical Duration:** 1-2 Months

- Final pricing and contract review
- Construction scheduling
- Material ordering and lead-time coordination
- Site logistics and access planning
- Final pre-construction walkthrough

**This phase helps ensure construction begins smoothly and with fewer surprises.**

### PHASE 5: CONSTRUCTION

**Typical Duration:** 3-8+ Months

- Demolition and site preparation
- Framing and structural work (if applicable)
- Plumbing, electrical, and HVAC
- Inspection at key milestones
- Installation of finishes and fixtures

**Whole-home remodels, structural changes, and occupied homes typically take longer than single-room renovations.**

### PHASE 6: FINAL INSPECTIONS & COMPLETION

**Typical Duration:** 1-2 Months

- Final Inspections
- Corrections (if required)
- Final detailing and punch list
- Project closeout

**Once complete, the remodeled spaces are ready for use.**

**Overall, you can expect a typical timeline to be between 9-18+ Months.**

If you'd like help understanding this timeline applies to your specific property and goals, a planning call can help clarify next steps.

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