



## **Kitchen Remodeling Tips**

Prior to enjoying your newly remodeled kitchen, homeowners must first deal with the interruptions that remodeling can cause. In order to minimize these interruptions as much as possible, we invite you to take advantage of the following tips we've put together for you.

In the weeks before the work begins keep a list of all those restaurants you've been meaning to try. When microwave meals get old your list will come in handy for a quick escape.

Pack up the kitchen well before the remodel. While it's a great time to "purge" your shelves, don't forget to label the storage boxes well. This will make the unpacking process a lot faster and easier. Items that are fragile should be marked accordingly and stored in an area away from the construction.

Plan a location outside of the area where the remodeling is being done to act as your temporary kitchen that includes:

- The fridge!
- You should be able to temporarily move everything you need...except the kitchen sink. Consider where your "water source" will be in relation to your temporary kitchen.
- Microwave (and a freezer stocked with microwavable meals)
- Spend some time cooking in your existing kitchen. Make family favorites and throw them in the freezer. You'll thank yourself later.
- Coffee Maker - don't forget to put the filters and coffee close at hand too.
- Utensils including can opener, wine opener, sharp knives, and microwavable dishes
- Toaster
- Keep the basics handy - butter, salt & pepper, favorite spices
- Dining area / table
- Use paper plates & napkins as well as disposable silverware.
- Cleaning supplies and dishtowels

Don't forget about Fido & Kitty! If there isn't an area in your home to keep them safely away from construction - especially during certain phases - it may be a perfect time to treat your pet to a vacation at the kennel or a play date at a friend's home.

Before the cabinets arrive – decide on a safe enclosed area for the cabinets and appliances to be delivered to. Usually the garage is a good location.

Dust...there's just no way to avoid it. If there is a fish tank or electrical equipment in close proximity to the work – remember to keep them well covered. After the work is completed it's advisable to change your air return filters.

Congratulations – you survived. Enjoy your new kitchen!