



## ***Preparing For Our Arrival***

*There are a few things you must do to prepare for the onset of construction...*

***Before the arrival of the Fleetwood installation team, it is necessary for all personal belongings, food or supplies be removed from all drawers, cabinets, appliances, countertops or shelves.***

One of the most important tools for a smooth installation process is communication. If you have a particular instructions or concerns for installation team, make it known to them. We want the process as simple and stress-free as possible for you.

This is a great opportunity to do some spring cleaning to your kitchen or bathroom and if they are not up to par for the beautiful new space, toss it or donate it! Make a note if something needs to be replaced. Making lists will help keep your belongings organized and keep track of items you will need in the future. We suggest labeling all your boxes with their contents and intended location to make unpacking an easier task. There are some items that you may like to keep-out for use during the renovation.

For a kitchen remodel, if you enjoy a morning cup of coffee you will need a coffeemaker, coffee filters, a few mugs or disposable coffee cups, creamer or sweetener. You will also need knives, corkscrew or bottle opener, salt & pepper, as well disposable plates and utensils, paper towels, and other cleaning supplies.

If you are remodeling a bathroom, packing is also necessary. Be sure to set aside items you will need for daily use such as medications, toiletries, cosmetics, razor, and hair products such as a blow dryer, curling iron or straightener.

Be sure to remove all personal belongings as well from the bathroom area and to remove art from walls, knickknacks from ledges or shelves both in remodeling space and in nearby areas; demolition and installation require hammering and banging! The vibration may cause items to eventually fall from nearby shelves. Remember to remove all electronics and upholstered furniture in nearby areas. If removal is not possible, cover them with painter's cloth or plastic sheeting. Dust is an inconvenience during the construction process, taking all necessary precautions will eliminate any major cleanups after the work is finished. Also, after the work has commenced, make sure that the barriers the carpenters provide, stay in place to shield the rest of your home from any additional dust or debris. If you have properly secured your space, clean-up after completion should be quick and easy.

If you do not have a second bathroom, consider arrangements for bathing or use at a relative or friend's home, a local gym, club or even a nearby hotel.

*Additional Suggestions:*

\*\*For a kitchen remodel, give thought to how you will store your food products, prepare meals and clean up during the period your kitchen is not functioning. Can you set up your microwave, toaster oven and refrigerator in another room? Use you're an outdoor grill? Wash your dishes in the powder room or use paper products? Or do you prefer take-out or restaurants? We suggest having a list of local take-out places ready for use or a meal plan ready for the duration of your project.

\*\*If you have children, a remodel can present an extra challenge. Our crews are tidy and clean the jobsite each day, however your home will be a construction zone with opportunities for injury. Talk to your kids about what to expect. Please make sure to supervise them at all times until the completion of the project. We would suggest a "look with your eyes, not with your hands" approach for their own safety. If you believe your child will be upset by the changes and inconveniences, perhaps it would be good to consider an alternate place for them to stay like with a relative or friend during the installation process.

\*\*Have you given any thoughts to your pets? They also may be upset by our crews working in their homes. Perhaps there is a room far from the activity in which they will feel safer kept while our crews are at work. This way they can be situated with food, water and comfortable bed to ease their worry. Another alternative would be to ask a relative or a friend to look after them during this phase of the project. We do not recommend having pets roam free during construction as this poses a risk to their safety and that of our crew.

***All remodeling has inherent inconveniences that should be expected; by knowing what to expect and by being prepared, makes the execution seamless. When our installation team arrives at your home, you can relax and enjoy seeing the transformation of your space right before your own eyes.***