

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I judge the contractor's proposal?

Rely upon the reputation of the company you select and the character and goodwill of the individuals who represent it. Be realistic. The costs of materials and labor change constantly and may fluctuate during the time your job is in progress. Ask your contractor how he can keep costs in line and stand by his company's proposal. Budget Exteriors' up front pricing ensures that your costs will not change due to labor and materials fluctuations.

Will we need to hire an interior designer or architect?

If there are structural or engineering considerations, you may need the services of a designer or architect and an engineer. For nearly all exterior remodeling projects, this is not the case. The Design Team at Budget Exteriors can help you find the right style, color, and price for you.

Will remodeling require a building permit?

Probably. It also depends upon city or county requirements. Most contractors will take care of this paperwork for you. It is also recommended to bring your home up to the current Uniform Building Code. Not having your home up to code can pose safety issues and can impede selling.

How long will it take to complete the work?

Keep in contact with your contractor as any changes made to your project may require additional time to complete. Require your contractor to keep you posted on any changes or delays which might change the completion. Be wary of contractor's who quote you a price that does not cover all potential delays. That's why Budget Exteriors uses up front pricing.

How can we finance the costs of remodeling?

For major remodeling, a second mortgage or bank line of credit may have income tax advantages. Ask your contractor for his ideas and assistance. Keep in mind that it is your responsibility to manage a realistic payment plan. Many home improvement companies have in house financing departments that can assist you with your financing needs.

Will we need to move out during remodeling?

It is extremely rare that you would need to move out during an exterior remodeling project.

Would it be wiser to move to a new home instead of remodeling this one?

Whether you decide to stay or sell, updating your home can result in an increase in value.

Will remodeling increase the re-sale value of our home?

Certain improvements have a greater effect upon home value than others. Vinyl siding, replacement windows, and a new entry door all normally recoup upwards of 70% of their initial cost upon resale.

Where can I obtain more information about selecting a contractor and learning how to work with them?

Some remodeling industry associations maintain web sites on the Internet containing helpful articles and practical guidelines which may be worth spending time looking at.
