



# BASEMENT REMODELING TIPS

ON AVERAGE, REMODELING BASEMENTS PROJECTS INCREASE THE VALUE OF A HOME BY AROUND 90% OF WHAT THEY COST SO, YOU CAN REST ASSURED THAT THE VALUE OF YOUR HOME GOES UP QUITE A BIT



## Tip #1



### Choose A Purpose

Think about what you'll use the space for. Is it going to be a home theater? A game room? An extra bedroom? Knowing how you want to use the space will help you make decisions about everything from flooring to lighting to layout.

## Tip #2



### Local Law And Permits

You will need a permit to finish your basement in most cases. Check with your local building department to find out what is required in your Washington DC area.

## Tip #3



### Choose Durable Materials

Because basements are often subject to more wear and tear than other parts of the house, it's important to choose materials that will stand up to heavy use. Carpeting is often a good choice for basement floors, for example, because it's easy to clean and can help dampen noise.

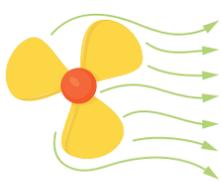
## Tip #4



### Waterproofing

Waterproofing is essential when finishing a basement. There are several ways to waterproof a basement, and you may need to do more than one to fully protect your space. Talk to a professional about the best way to waterproof your basement before you start any work.

## Tip #5



### Ventilation

Ventilation is also important in a basement, especially if you are planning on using it for storage. Make sure there is adequate ventilation in your basement to prevent mold and mildew from forming.



**With these tips in mind, you're ready to start planning your basement remodel. Have fun and get creative – your new space awaits!**

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