10 PITFALLS TO AVOID WHEN REMODELING YOUR EXISTING HOME

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INTRODUCTION

The home you call your own is much more than a residence. It should be the place where you make memories, spend time with loved ones, and find a sense of peace and tranquility away from the outside world.

At Fisher Home Improvements, we understand what it takes to design and build properties that cater to your customized needs. We're proud to be the premier PA's design-build firm that serves the Lykens, PA area with a one-of-a-kind approach to designing your dream home.

While our team is well versed in starting a project from scratch and handling any hurdles that arise along the way, we also know what it takes to complete a masterful remodel. Clients come to us when they're ready to turn their design dreams into a reality -- and we're always happy to help! A home remodel is typically not a small thing to take on, but it doesn't have to be overwhelming when you're well prepared for the journey.

Take a look at the top 10 pitfalls to avoid when remodeling your existing home in this report and when you are ready, schedule your no-obligation initial consultation.

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01. | FAILING TO CONSIDER DESIGN HELP

Far too often, homeowners who are looking to remodel their existing residence fall into the trap of thinking that they can split the job amongst various contractors to save money. In reality, this couldn't be further from the truth!

Working with a single design and build company makes the remodeling process comprehensive and will likely save you thousands of dollars along the way. At Fisher Home Improvements, we employ a full team of interior designers, surveyors, landscape designers, architects, and structural engineers - we've got everything you need to get the project done right - just the way you envision it. Furthermore, if you want help with your vision, we can help guide you there too.

You don't want to waste time trying to figure out how to make changes along the way...that's both costly and time-consuming. Instead, join us with our team of professionals who can understand your vision and will be committed to staying on track to achieve it.

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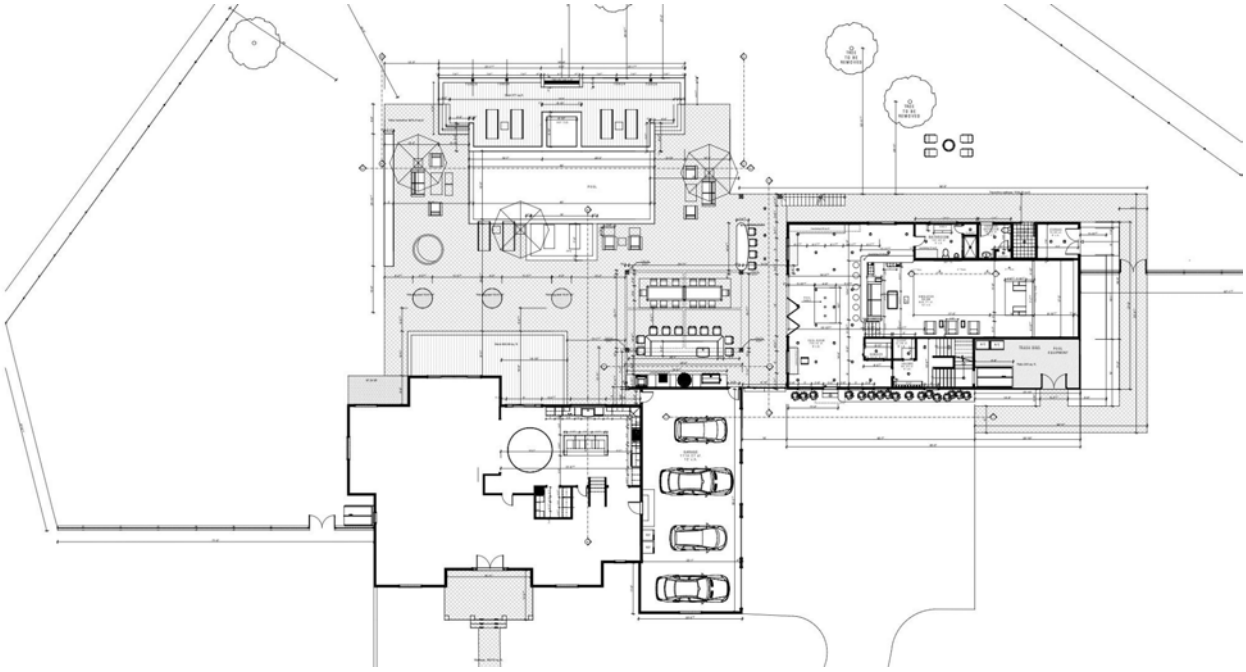
To guarantee a superior level of client satisfaction, the team at Fisher Home Improvements creates 2D floor plans and 3D renderings before we start the remodeling work. This gives you a chance to thoroughly visualize your ideas and make necessary changes before construction begins.



Sample 2-D plan of backyard renovation with an additional 3,500 sq feet of living space addition

Sample 3-D rendering of backyard renovation with an additional 3,500 sq feet of living space addition

02. | NOT LIVING IN THE HOME FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS

Some homeowners get so anxious to get a remodel underway that they overlook one important step - living in the home first! While an amazing remodel is exciting, people who haven't taken the opportunity to spend quality time in a space may end up overlooking some essential areas that they'll regret later on.

In general, it's always a good idea to spend a minimum of three months in a home before you start a remodeling project. This will help you to fully understand the functionality of the property and to identify areas in which enhancements would be helpful.

Now, there are instances where living in the home certainly does NOT make sense and a teardown is more practical. At Fisher Home Improvements, we can help you in that decision making process even before you put the offer in on an existing home.

03. | IGNORING YOUR ORIGINAL ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

Fully remodeling a property will usually require some big changes, but aesthetically, clients who completely ignore the original architectural style of their existing home are usually in for some serious disappointment. Simply adding to a property without first considering the design flow can lead to a jarring contrast in styles that's far from satisfactory.

At Fisher Home Improvements, we're proud to be a design-build company that prioritizes the original architecture. We're enthusiastic about the changes we make through our innovative designs, but we also understand how to weave new features in seamlessly so that they never conflict with your home's unique style.

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04. | BEING TOO TRENDY

A quality design-build company knows that trendy styles are fun at the moment, but they rarely last. When it comes to remodeling your existing home, sticking with designs and concepts that stand the test of time is generally a better way to go.

Often, the bolder the remodeling and finish selections are, the more quickly the aesthetic will probably go out of style. At Fisher Home Improvements, our team takes the time to guide you through the decision-making process to make sure that the color palettes and finishes you've selected will look amazing and remain just as timeless.

05. | CHOOSING YOUR CONTRACTOR ON PRICE ALONE

When it's time to renovate your home, looking exclusively for the lowest price point is a risk that's never worth taking. The homeowners who choose to work with less than legitimate contractors who are willing to cut corners to lower prices tend to cost the homeowner more in the long run.

Rest assured, Fisher Home Improvements is the design-build company that has the experience and impeccable reputation you can count on and deserve. We are your professional partner in the remodeling process and are upfront and transparent about pricing. We help you avoid hidden fees related to things like permit acquisition and debris removal, too!

06. | WORKING WITH A NATIONAL COMPANY

There are plenty of national companies and franchises out there that make a lot of promises. However, when it comes to customizing your home working with Fisher Home Improvements as a local trusted contractor makes more sense.

As a local design-build company, we already have the area-specific relationships in place to get quality subcontractors on board with your project. Our teams know about local land conditions, neighborhood or town restrictions, and climate conditions that may affect the materials you choose. We have extensive experience in acquiring permits and getting approvals on workflows, thanks to 10+ years of working relationships that we have established.

When you opt to use Fisher Home Improvements for your remodeling needs, you can expect to receive not only a detailed timeline, but an accurate one, as well. We know what it's going to take to get the job done in your town because we have most likely successfully completed one, if not many previously.

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07. | WORKING WITH AN INEXPERIENCED CONTRACTOR

Remodeling your home is a great opportunity to get creative with interior and exterior design prospects, but it's not the time to take a chance on an inexperienced contractor. An extensive remodel or renovation requires considerable experience and confidence. When it comes to facing structural and design hurdles that will inevitably come up along the way, you'll want a team of true professionals like Fisher Home Improvements in your corner.

Don't risk the success or safety of a remodeling project by opting to work with a contractor that just doesn't have the experience to deliver up the results you warrant. Instead, choose a contractor like Fisher Home Improvements that has years of successful remodels to their name. We can guide you through the process with ease and reliability.

08. | IGNORING YOUR GUT

There are times when you just know something is wrong or right. When you're looking at contractors to partner with for the remodeling of your home, trusting your gut is key - ignoring your instincts can be disastrous.

It's important to do your research before you sign on any dotted line. The contractor you work with should be committed to providing clear, honest, and easy communication from day one.

You should also expect your contractor to be a partner who will guide you through the process, offering up advice after listening to your insight and wishes. Trust your gut when it comes to your contractor, and never hesitate to ask for references before making your big decision.

09. | NEGLECTING CURB APPEAL OR OUTDOOR LIVING

Some homeowners who are excited and ready to remodel their property get laser-focused on the interior living space. However, ignoring the outside of your home can be a huge mistake!

When it comes to the curb appeal of a home, landscaping definitely sets the tone. It provides the first impression that guests get of a property. To that end, Fisher Home Improvements is happy to serve clients with a team of landscape architects whom are dedicated to creating outdoor designs that will flow well into the new interior spaces that you create.

When you're remodeling, it's also the perfect time to consider adding value to your backyard through outdoor living spaces and fun features like pools or outdoor kitchens. Not only do these additions boost the resale value of a home, but they can also create an enhanced style of living.

10. FAILING TO EXPLORE A MULTITUDE OF FINANCING OPTIONS

Remodeling your home is a unique and exciting opportunity. Homeowners inevitably look to make changes that make their home life more efficient and pleasing. In the midst of all of the fun, however, it can be easy to jump into a project without exploring all of the financing options which can make the process even easier.

Even if you can pay for the entire project upfront, take the time to consider other options, such as a home equity line of credit or a loan, which can sometimes lead to savings on the overall costs of the project! Currently, home equity financing rates are extremely inexpensive and you may be better off conserving your cash for investments and leveraging your home equity to help finance your project. Perhaps you are also renovating with resale in mind, these financing options can help you to maintain your flexibility in the marketplace.

CONCLUSION

Your renovation is a vision that's just waiting to be made a reality... there is no reason to wait. Call Fisher Home Improvements today at (717) 973-7542 to learn more or visit our website to schedule a complimentary, no-obligation consultation. We can't wait to hear from you and learn more about your remodeling wish list.

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"Very professional young men. I would highly recommend them. Support local." ~ **Pat H.**

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"Excellent, professional work by good people. " ~ **Gerald M.**

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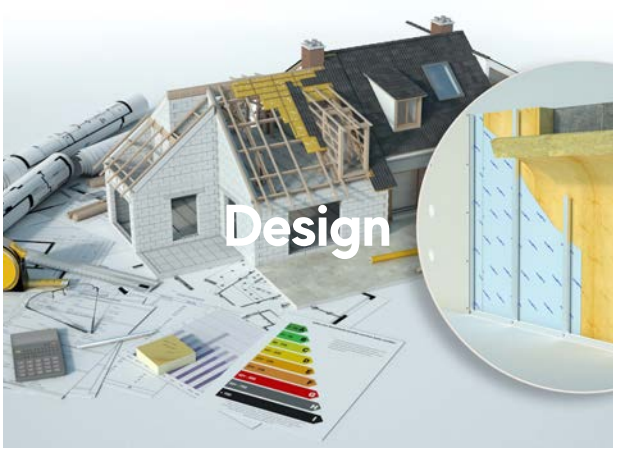

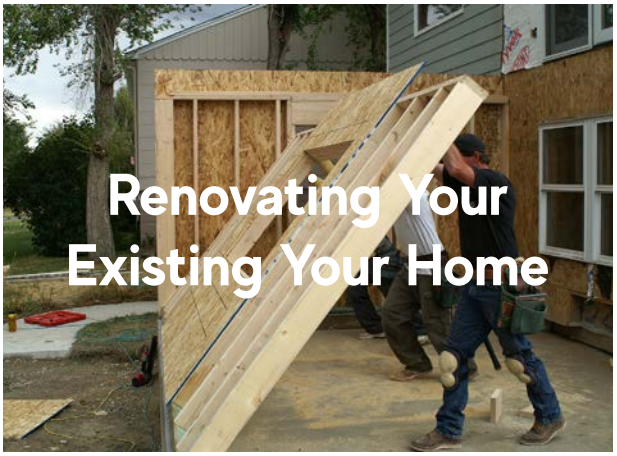

While many people feel like renovating their home is too confusing and too challenging, at Fisher Home Improvements, we help make renovating your new custom home efficient, rewarding and fun. We understand that with our proper guidance and with our expert team we can definitely renovate your home. We recognize that you are truly investing in bringing your family and friends into your dream home to create timeless memories that will last a lifetime.

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2. Design & Budget
3. Renovate
4. Enjoy Your Dream Home!

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