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2024 Parade of Homes

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Message from the President

Welcome to our 35th Parade of Homes!

The Home Builders Association of Northwest Michigan is absolutely thrilled to host this annual showcase, celebrating the pinnacle of home design and construction in our vibrant community.

Prepare to be amazed as you step into the Parade of Homes, a premier event where the latest trends and innovations in home design, construction, and decor are on full display, courtesy of some our area's most talented builders Whether you are a prospective homebuyer, an industry professional, or someone who simply loves stunning homes, this event promises to ignite your inspiration..



This year, we're showcasing seven extraordinary custom homes, each one a masterpiece crafted by local builders and their expert teams of subcontractors and suppliers. From meticulous attention to detail to superior craftsmanship, these homes are a testament to the dedication and skill of their creators, and we're immensely proud to present them to you.

A heartfelt thank you to all the participants who have poured their passion and hard work into making this event possible. Your contributions are the cornerstone of this spectacular showcase.

To all our visitors, we hope you find inspiration for your own home projects as you explore this year's Parade of Homes.. Feel free to ask questions, take notes, and connect with the professionals behind these incredible creations. Remember, our members are your go-to local industry experts.

Thank you for joining us for this excellent event. We hope you have an unforgetable time exploring the stunning homes on display.

Warm regards,

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This home enjoys the perfect setting for a summer evening making s'mores around the firepit on the beach, watching the sunset, and listening to the gentle surf of Bowers Harbor. This East Coast inspired shingled cottage is a modern take on an old classic. An old fashioned screened-in porch with traditional columns supports a balcony off the master suite, allowing evening sunsets to be enjoyed by both guest and residence. Understated elegance is hidden around every corner with Scott's trademark built-ins featured throughout. A custom kitchen with floating shelves, walk-in closets, custom pantry, one of a kind tiled showers, multi-landing staircase, and rooms featuring paneling and wallpaper make this home a classic inside as well as out. Come visit and enjoy!



2023 Best Kitchen



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The inspiration for this stunning walkout ranch, located on beautiful Silver Lake was to love where you live and enjoy your active northern lifestyle. The home has a spacious and open layout, perfect for entertaining and daily living. The great room boast 14' tall ceilings and flows perfectly into the kitchen, dining room, and butler pantry. You will see the well thought out primary suite, allowing access to the laundry room, closet, ensuite, and bedroom. Envision relaxing on the covered deck overlooking the lake, complete with a bigscreen TV, perfect entertaining. Then head downstairs to work out in the home gym, or catch a movie on the 10' projector screen.

What sets this home further apart? It is equipped with invisible speakers, programmable lighting controls, power blinds and more! The smart home features make life more enjoyable without sacrificing aesthetics. Waldecker Homes builds houses you will love to live in.





2023 Best Exterior



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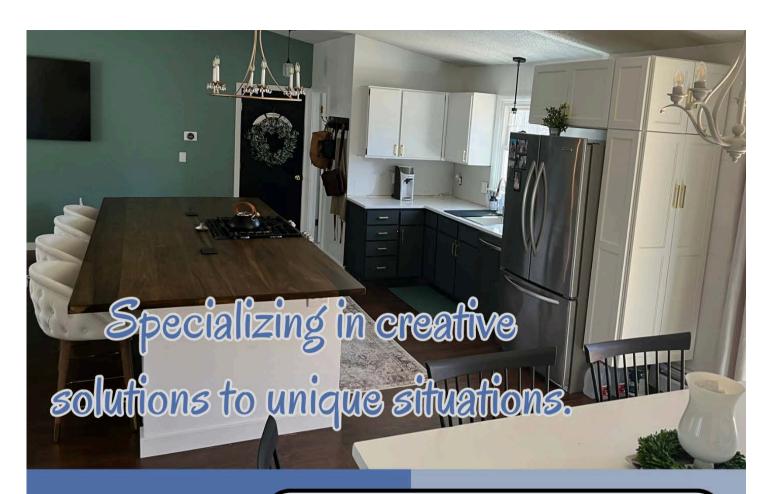
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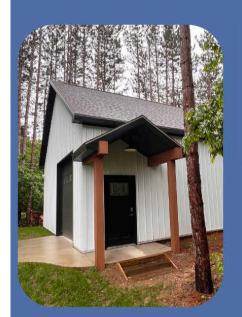
Welcome to the Ann Riley Farmhouse! Named after a Northern Michigan native who owned the farm at the turn of the century. The Royal Stag design team breathed life into this modern craftsman farmhouse loaded with custom design features. Boasting uninterrupted 360° sunrise to sunset; including full length views of Old Mission Peninsula from town to Lake Michigan. Yuba Vineyards surround the home on all edges of the open, covered porch. A 5,000 sq. ft. house having seven bedrooms, one half, and four full bathrooms. Main level master bedroom with ensuite full bathroom and his & her walk-in closets. Every detail of the Ann Riley Farmhouse is designed to suit the most exquisite taste, the custom-built wine cellar, wet bar, and open catwalk.

The Ann Riley Farmhouse kitchen is the heart of the home. Black custom cabinets, beautiful rustic hand punched copper vent hood, sinks, a massive Bertazzoni six burner gas range, with black and copper pulls, underlit leathered black granite island, and a walk-in butler pantry. The exterior features gorgeous Hydrangeas and grey slate stone framing the perimeter of the wrap around covered porch. The backyard facing Grand Traverse Bay has two paver patios, for dining, cocktails, and bonfires.

2024 Parade of Homes Rules & Regulations

- Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at a Parade Home or Ticket Outlet.
- Children one year of age and under are free; all others will be charged full price.
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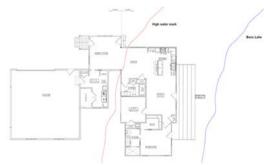
The project is a complete renovation of a multi-generational, family-owned cottage. The original cottage was built in 1932, with additions in 1978 and 1995. Since zoning rules and regulations prevented the original plans, it became necessary to think outside the box to make these homeowners' dreams a reality.

Sitting less than 10 feet from the lake, the home's location presented a challenge and inspired the builders to get creative. In the home's fourth and most recent upgrade, a complete reconfiguration allowed for an addition, accommodating the homeowner's wish list, and maximizing every inch of space.

Platinum Construction & Design worked collaboratively with their clients to create a flowing, open floor plan with 2-bedrooms, 2-baths, a beautiful kitchen with a custom granite waterfall island, and abundant garage space. One feature incorporates the sink from the **original** cottage.

Dedication to their clients, craftsmanship, and attention to detail is what one can always expect from this team.







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The home feels spacious with the vaulted ceilings on the main level, and the full basement has 9-foot ceilings. The designer kitchen offers natural hickory cabinetry with ceramic tile accents and top-of-the-line appliances. Solid core interior doors, first-floor laundry, a fireplace, and plenty of storage space complete the floorplan. An Anderson Window and super insulation package make this home highly efficient.

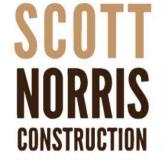




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14995 Shipman Road, Traverse City

If you love the mountain lodge style and lots of fun surprises, look no further than this home featured by Scott Norris Construction. A mix of stone, timbers, and earth-toned siding connect this home to the beautiful wooded setting it's nestled in. As always, Scott's home features lots of creative custom built-ins. Especially striking is the suspended hickory staircase that, from the entry, leads up to a loft that overlooks the great room with its towering stone fireplace. At its bottom it spills you back in time to a turn-of-thecentury speakeasy complete with game room, wine cellar, quarter-sawn oak raised bar area, and an inhome theater.

With antique embossed tin ceilings, custom oak wainscoting, velvet curtains and golden hued wallpaper you can almost smell the cigar smoke and may wonder if the Flappers might spring out of hiding at any moment! Some other fun touches like a live edge bench in the mudroom cubbies, a repurposed antique dresser for a powder room vanity, or barrel roll ceiling in the wine room add to a sense of anticipation about what might be around the next corner.

If you appreciate flawless trim work, exquisite tile work, and thoughtful, functional, beautiful design, then be sure to make this a "must see" home on your tour. Thank you for participating in this year's parade; from all the team at Scott Norris Construction!



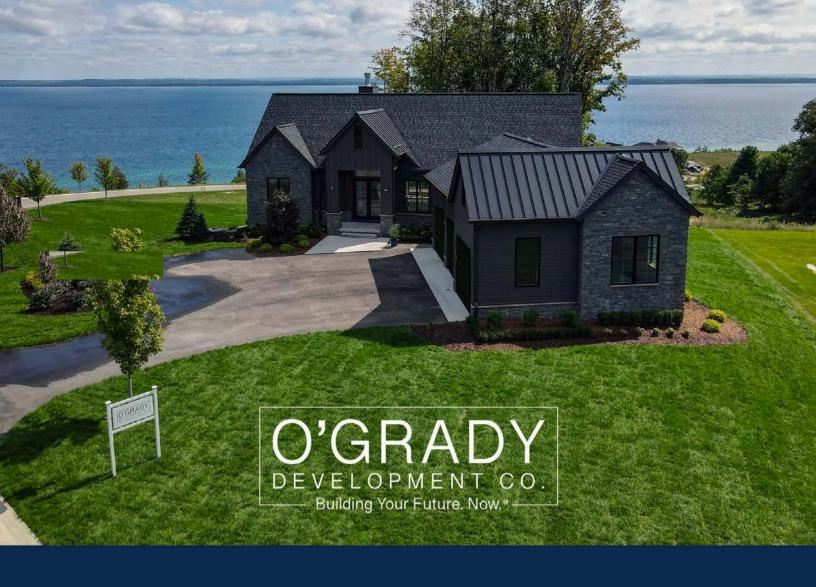




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This home is custom-built by the award-winning O'Grady Development Company. It is located in Peninsula Shores - one of the most sought-after private communities in Northern Michigan. As you enter the front door, you are greeted by an open, airy floorplan that's endlessness gazes into the deep blues of Lake Michigan's East Grand Traverse Bay on Old Mission Peninsula. The gourmet kitchen is a chef's dream, with a large center island and ample storage space. The living room is perfect for entertaining guests and includes a custom gas all-stone-facade fireplace. The primary suite features breathtaking water views., a spacious bedroom with custom wainscotting throughout, a spa-like en suite with a circular soaking tub and dual vanities, and a spacious walk-in closet. Enjoy the additional flex room as a home gym, office, or yoga studio. Uniquely located on a corner lot, you have year-long views of the water and the neighboring vineyards. Timelessly enjoy Traverse City's Napa-Valley-esque landscape and Lake Michigan's Portofino-like shoreline. Stay within high expectations while searching for a summer getaway home.







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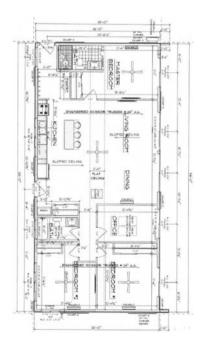






8989 Supply Road, Traverse City

This new offering is a perfect get-away and just off the beaten path on the Boardman River to feel like you are in the middle of your own oasis. Another exceptional design and construction completed by award winning Royal Stag. This beautiful property follows the lines and style of true Scandinavian Minimalist design with emphasized simplicity, clean lines, and light, bright spaces with plenty of openness to move. In this beautiful home details speak for themselves with a quiet touch of class and stunning choices from countertops and plumbing fixtures to the concrete flooring throughout. 3 beautiful bedrooms finished to perfection and 2 full baths with all the feel of a high-end luxury resort. This is a perfect choice for the "up-North" home to be used as a full-time property in the woods or occasional weekend, summer hangout, winter skiing pad or break from the hustle of life. The simple exterior grounds make this an easy place to maintain with a foot path to the water's edge and fire pit area. Natural surroundings include the occasional intrusion from the wildlife in the area.





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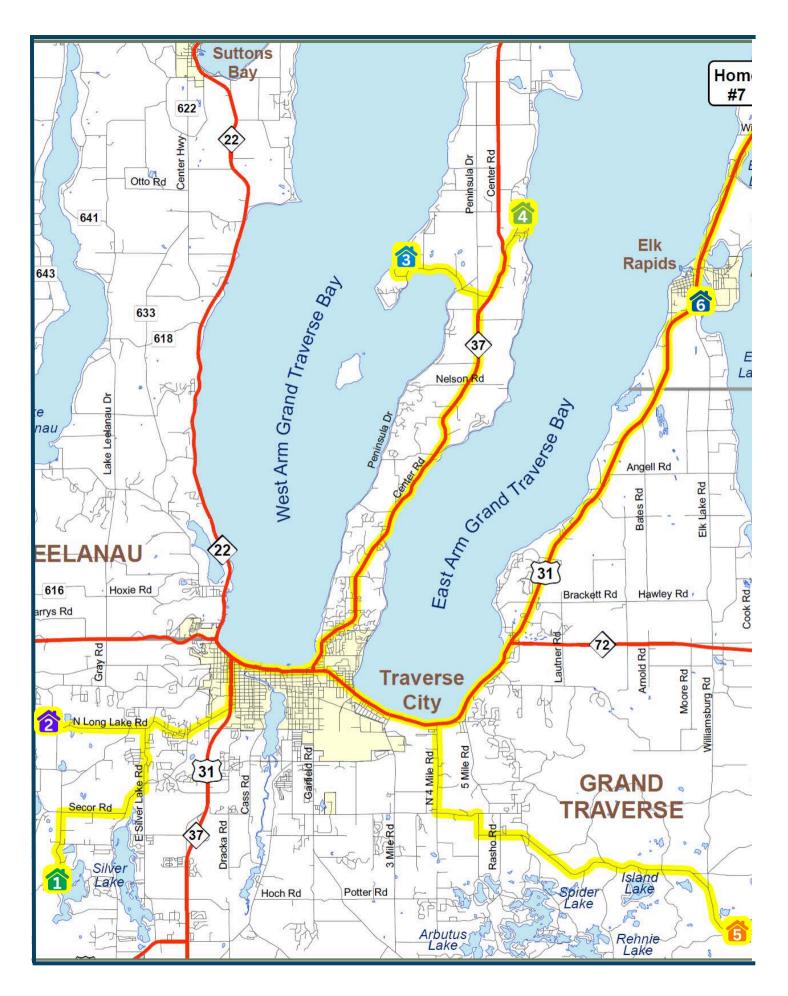
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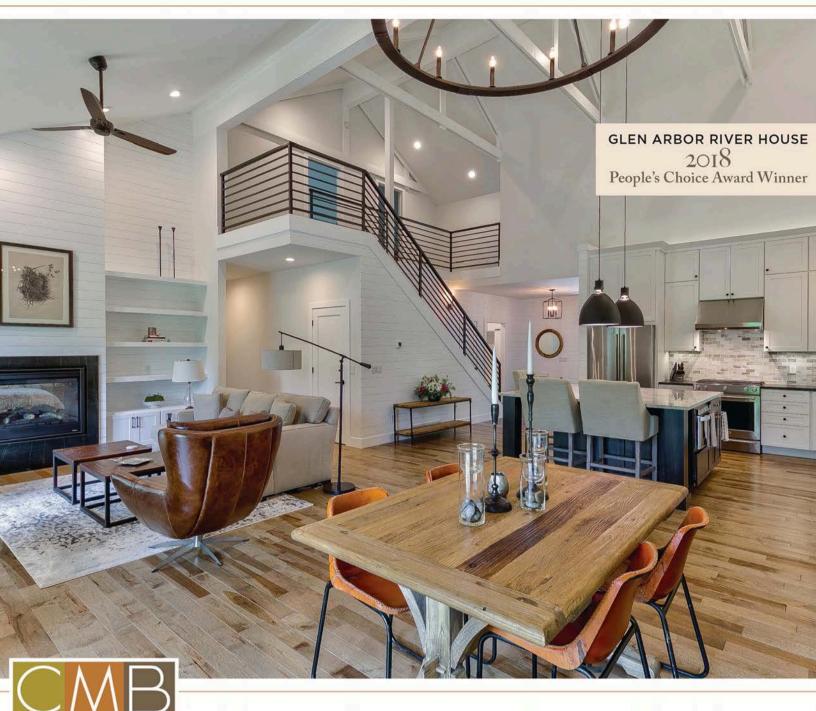
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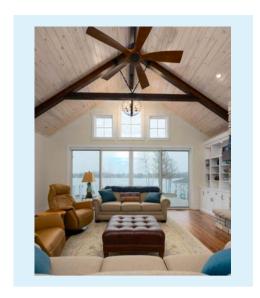
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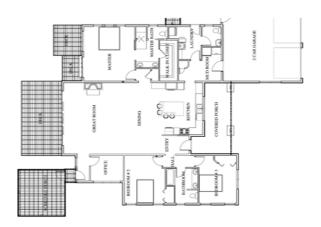
823 Millers Park, Elk Rapids

Discover the epitome of lakeside living in this exquisite custom home located in Elk Rapids, boasting 100 feet of Elk Lake frontage. Built by CMB Construction with unparalleled attention to detail, the home was conceived and detailed by the owners, with plans expertly drawn by Thomas Design and Jen Markey.

The home's no-maintenance cedar-look shingle siding and PVC trim ensure lasting beauty and durability. Inside, the design pays homage to classic cottage style with refined trim details, a grand stone veneer fireplace, and custom built-ins throughout. Ceilings are adorned with whitewashed knotty pine tongue and groove, while the custom kitchen cabinetry provides a sophisticated touch. The living room showcases Vertical Grain Fir beams, adding to the home's unique charm.

With 3-bedrooms and 2.5-baths, the primary suite stands out with coffered Vertical Grain Douglas Fir ceilings and extensive custom shelving. The hickory solid wood flooring, laid in a random width pattern, adds warmth and elegance. Additional features include an office, a screened porch with gas fireplace, composite decking, and an elevated deck with a curved tempered glass railing for uninterrupted lake views.

This light-filled home, with its blend of modesty and sophistication, offers classic cottage detailing and modern comforts. The surroundings are teeming with wildlife, making it a true Northern Michigan haven on the serene shores of Elk Lake.





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At Bogard and Sons Construction, our mission is to build charming homes that connect generations. With this contemporary 1800-square foot 3-bedroom, 2-bath vacation home, we came alongside the homeowners to create a space where they could enjoy making memories with their kids and grandkids for years to come.

Located in Torch Lake Township, on the shores of Lake Michigan, the architect homeowner envisioned a home that could withstand the test of time in a high erosion critical dune area. The distinctive two-pedestal foundation features a small garage on one side and the home's entrance on the other.

The elevated layout, coupled with the expansive floor-to-ceiling windows provides the views of the lakeshore from nearly every room. The modern design is integrated throughout the interior, containing a sleek Nowak Cabinet designed kitchen with integrated Miele appliances, and trim less windows and doors. The primary suite is a testament to the attention to detail, with attractive finishes including vertical acoustic paneling accent walls, a primary bedroom lightwell, and an open-air shower design adorned with slate and marble tile.

To add further comfort and luxury, this home boasts white oak plan flooring with in-floor radiant heating, ensuring cozy warmth even on the coldest days, and a linear brick veneered gas fireplace, perfect for relaxing evenings.





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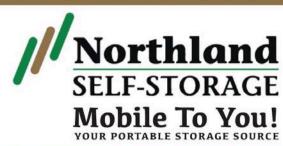
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The Latest Lakefront Residential Design Trends

As the allure of serene, waterfront living continues to grow, lakefront residential design is evolving to harmonize modern luxury with the natural beauty of the surroundings. Architects and designers are innovating to create spaces that not only offer



stunning views, but also integrate smart technology, provide ultimate comfort, and promote sustainable living.

Seamless Indoor-Outdoor Living

Maximizing the connection between indoor and outdoor spaces is a hallmark of modern lakefront homes. Large, retractable glass walls and expansive windows are used to blur the boundaries, allowing for unobstructed views and easy access to outdoor living areas. This design approach not only enhances the aesthetic appeal but also encourages residents to spend more time outdoors.

Key Features:

- Retractable glass walls and floor-to-ceiling windows
- Outdoor kitchens and dining areas
- Spacious decks and patios
- Infinity pools that blend with the lake's horizon

Natural Light and Open Floor Plans

Incorporating natural light and open floor plans are essential elements in today's lakefront homes. Skylights, strategically placed windows, and open-concept layouts ensure that interiors are bathed in sunlight and offer panoramic views of the lake. This trend emphasizes spaciousness and fluidity, making homes feel airy and connected to their natural surroundings.

Key Features:

- Skylights and clerestory windows
- · Open-concept living spaces
- Minimalist interiors with natural color palettes

Smart Home Technology

Integrating smart technology is becoming a standard in lakefront residential design. Home automation systems that control lighting, security, climate, and entertainment enhance convenience and security, allowing homeowners to manage their homes efficiently, whether they are present or away.

Key Features:

- Automated lighting and climate control systems
- Smart security systems with remote monitoring
- Integrated entertainment systems
- · Voice-activated assistants and appliances

Multi-Functional Outdoor Spaces

Modern lakefront homes often feature multi-functional outdoor spaces designed for relaxation, entertainment, and active lifestyles. From Private Docks and boathouses to fire pits and outdoor theaters, these areas are crafted to provide versatile options for enjoyment and recreation.

Personalized Luxury

Customization and personalization are key trends in lakefront residential design. Homeowners are looking for unique features that reflect their personal tastes and lifestyles, Custom-built wine cellars, home gyms, spa-like bathrooms, and artist studios are some of the bespoke elements being incorporated into these homes.

The latest trends in lakefront residential design reflect a deep appreciation for the natural environment, a commitment to sustainability, and a desire for modern comforts. By integrating these elements, today's lakefront homes offer a perfect blend of luxury and harmony with nature, creating idyllic retreats that are both beautiful and functional. These design trends ensure that lakefront living remains an attractive and evolving lifestyle choice.







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value. Whether you're planning a minor face lift or a complete overhaul, understanding the key elements of design can help you create a space that is both stylish and pracitcal

Planning your Renovation

Before diving into the specifics of tiles and fixtures, it's crucial to have a clear plan. Assess the current state of your bathroom and identify what works and what doesn't. Consider your goals: Are you looking for more storage? Better lighting? A more modern look? Having a clear vision will guide your choices and help you stay on budget.

Layout and Space Optimization

The layout is the backbone of any bathroom design. Efficient use of space is particularly important in smaller bathrooms. Here are a few tips:

- 1. Maximize Vertical Space: Use wall-mounted cabinets and shelves to free up floor space.
- 2. Opt for a Floating Vanity: This not only creates a sleek, modern look but also makes cleaning easier.
- 3. Consider a Corner Sink: In tight spaces, a corner sink can free up valuable space.

Choosing Materials

Materials play a significant role in the bathroom's overall feel and functionality. Here are some popular choices:

- Tiles: Ceramic and porcelain are durable and water-resistant, making them ideal for bathroom floors and walls. Larger tiles can make a small bathroom feel bigger.
- Natural Stone: Materials like marble and granite offer a luxurious feel, though they require more maintenance.
- Waterproof Vinyl: An affordable and stylish option that is easy to install an maintain.

Fixtures and Fittings

Modern bathroom fixtures can transform a mundane space into a spa-like retreat. Consider the following:

- Showerheads: Rainfall showerheads provide a luxurious experience, while handheld options offer flexibility.
- Bathtubs: Freestanding tubs make a statement and are perfect for soaking, while built-in tubs are more space-efficient.
- Faucets and hardware: Matte black, brushed nickel, and brass are trendy finishes that add a touch of sophistication.

Lighting

Good lighting is essential for both functionality and ambiance. A combination of task, ambient, and accent lighting works best:

- Task Lighting: Focused on areas where activities such as shaving or applying makeup take place.
 Vanity lights on either side of the mirror are ideal.
- Ambient Lighting: General lighting for the overall room. Recessed ceiling lights or a center fixture work well.
- Accent Lighting: Used to highlight architectural features of decor. LED strips under cabinets or around the mirror can create a warm glow.



Color Schemes

Color can dramatically influence the perception of space and mood. Light colors such as whites, soft grays, and pastels make small bathrooms feel larger and more open. Dark colors can add drama and elegance, particularly in larger bathrooms. Consider the psychology of colors: blues and greens can evoke a sense of calm, while yellows an oranges add warmth and energy.



Sustainability

Eco-friendly design choices are increasingly popular in bathroom renovations. Consider these sustainable options:

- Low-Flow Fixtures: Save water without sacrificing performance.
- Energy-Efficient Lighting: LED bulbs consume less electricity and last longer.
- Recycled Materials: Opt for recycled glass countertops or reclaimed wood cabinets.

Hiring Professionals

While DIY projects can be rewarding, certain aspects of bathroom renovation, such as plumbing and electrical work, are best left to the professionals. Hiring experienced contractors ensure that your renovation is completed safely and to a high standard.

A bathroom renovation is an exciting opportunity to create a space that is both functional and reflective of your personal style. By carefully planning your layout, selecting quality materials, and paying attention to details, you can transform your bathroom into a beautiful and efficient oasis that enhances your daily routine and adds value to your home.





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Warning Signs to Watch Out For

When embarking on a home improvement project, selecting the right contractor is crucial to ensure a smooth process and satisfactory result. Unfortunately, the industry is rife with stories of subpar work, prolonged projects, and even outright scams. To protect yourself, it's important to recognize the red flags that may indicate that a contractor is not trustworthy or competent.

Lack of Licensing and Insurance

A reputable contractor should be fully licensed and insured. Licensing requirements generally ensure that a contractor has met certain standards of knowledge and competency. Insurance, on the other hand, protects you from liability if a worker is injured on your property. If a contractor cannot provide proof of both, it's time to switch.

Request for Large Upfront Payments

While it's common for contractors to ask for a deposit, be wary of those who demand a large sum before any work has started. This can be a sign of financial instability or, in worst case, a scam. A typical upfront payment might range from 10% to 30% of the total project cost. Always negotiate payment terms and ensure they are clearly outlined in the contract.

No Written Contract

A written contract is essential as it lays out the scope of work, timeline, payment scheduled, and other important details. A contractor who is reluctant to provide a detailed written agreement is a major red flag. This document protects both parties and helps avoid misunderstandings and disputes.

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High-Pressure Sales Tactics

Beware of contractors who use high-pressure sales tactics to rush you into making a decision. Quality contractors understand home improvement projects are significant investments and will give you the time and space to make an informed choice. Tactics such as "limited-time offers" or "sign now to get a discount" can indicate a contractor who is more interested in closing a deal than ensuring your satisfaction.

Poor Communication

Good communication is key to a successful project. If a contractor is difficult to reach, does not return call promptly, or is evasive when answering questions, consider it a warning sign. Reliable contractors should be transparent, accessible, and willing to discuss any concerns you might have.

Avoiding Permits

Some contractors might suggest skipping the permit process to save time or money. This is a major red flag, as permits are legally required for many types of work to ensure safety and compliance with building codes. Avoiding permits can lead to legal issues and additional costs down the line.

Unprofessional Behavior

Pay attention to a contractor's behavior during your initial interactions. Unprofessional conduct such as tardiness, lack of proper attire, or a poorly maintained vehicle can be an indicative of their overall work ethic and reliability.

In conclusion, is a significant decision that requires careful consideration. By watching for these red flags, you can avoid common pitfalls and ensure your home improvement project is completed successfully. Always take the time to do your research, ask the right questions, and trust your instincts. A little diligence upfront can save you a lot of trouble and expense in the long run.









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The Foundation's mission is to advance sustainable careers in the skilled trades through fundraising, charitable contributions, and workforce development.

The Northwest Michigan Skilled Trades Foundation Scholarship Awards Dinner: Developed in 2015 to bring a greater awareness of the lack of skilled labor in Northern Michigan and promote the skilled trades through education and scholarships. This plated dinner event brings nearly 300 community leaders together. 100% of silent auction proceeds fund scholarships for those who have chosen to make the trades their career choice.

Scholarships: For the past 37 years the Home Builders Association of Northwest Michigan has awarded scholarships to deserving students whose field of study is related to the home building industry. Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis. Since 1984, 129 scholarships have been awarded, equaling \$107,798.42 to NMC and its students.

School Outreach: Members of the Board of Directors and Education Committee meet with junior high and high school students, counselors, and parents to promote the benefits of construction jobs as a viable career path. Contact the Home Builders Association office for speakers at 231-946-2305.

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