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Tips for Surviving a Kitchen Renovation

For many people considering a kitchen remodel, the biggest fear is living without a kitchen for a period of time. This temporary inconvenience can become stressful if you are not prepared. Here are some ways to cope while your kitchen undergoes renovation.

- When packing up your kitchen before the remodel, put your most frequently used items (such as your can opener) in a separate box. Make sure it is clearly labeled and easy to reach.
- If you can, move the refrigerator to another room. Another alternative is to purchase a mini-fridge for essentials.
- Set up a temporary "kitchen station" in another room. Include a toaster/toaster oven, microwave, coffeepot, and crock-pot.
- Rather than trying to wash your dishes in your bathroom sink, consider purchasing paper plates, plastic cups, and plastic utensils.
- If you have access to a freezer, prepare meals in advance. Also stock up on pre-prepared microwavable foods.
- During warm weather, you can also prepare meals outside on a grill.

Above all, the best way to survive a kitchen remodel is to hire a professional remodeler. That way you avoid surprises that can make your renovation last longer than it should. A professional remodeler should also be able to advise and assist you in setting up your temporary "kitchen station."



Save the Dates! March 16th and 17th

The first annual **Remodel Green Midwest Conference and Expo** is coming March 16th and 17th to the Inn at St. John's Conference Center! The Expo highlights the many opportunities for homeowners and remodeling industry professionals alike to reinvest in our homes to build a sustainable future.

This unique event will feature several seminars hosted by David Johnston, acclaimed green building expert and author of *Green Remodeling: Changing the World One Room at a Time*. In addition, vendors and product representatives will be showcasing the latest green products for your home.

As founder and president of the local NARI chapter, Paul LaRoe is one of the key organizers for this event. [Click here](#) for additional information and event registration. We hope to see you there!

Monthly Home Maintenance Tip

Check for Moisture Damage from Ice Dams

Ice dams, built-up ice, cause millions of dollars of damage to homes each year. Melted water caught by these dams leaks into homes—damaging plaster, peeling paint, and soaking insulation. Do a visual inspection of the edges of your roof to see if there is a build-up of ice.

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