

Bathroom Remodeling Expert Mark McManus Stresses Smart Planning Before Demo in HelloNation

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MORRISTOWN, NJ, UNITED STATES, August 28, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- How can homeowners avoid common setbacks during a bathroom renovation? According to Mark McManus of M&M Construction Specialist in Morristown, success starts well before demolition. [In a recent HelloNation article](#), McManus explains

that bathroom remodel planning is about more than aesthetics. It requires careful attention to floor plan layout, building codes, and functional needs before the first wall comes down.



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McManus notes that bathroom renovations are among the most challenging projects in residential construction. Limited space, hidden plumbing, and strict code requirements create a setting where even small oversights can cause major delays. His advice is to treat the planning phase as the foundation of the remodel, ensuring that every fixture, cabinet, and tile is chosen with the space and its use in mind.

One of the most practical tools in this process is a scale drawing of the bathroom. Even a simple floor plan layout helps identify potential clearance problems, awkward traffic patterns, or fixture conflicts before they become costly mistakes. For example, repositioning a vanity or swapping an oversized tub for a walk-in shower conversion is easier to evaluate on paper than mid-project.

Equally important is planning for code-compliant bathroom design. McManus emphasizes that spacing requirements, ventilation needs, and electrical safety measures like GFCI outlets should be accounted for upfront. By addressing these standards in advance, homeowners can avoid failed inspections or expensive mid-project corrections that push timelines off track.

The planning stage is also the best time to bring design preferences into focus. From material

selection to lighting placement, the choices made early affect how cohesive the finished bathroom feels. McManus points out that efficient bathroom storage, such as recessed shelving, floating vanities, and integrated linen towers, is far easier to incorporate when decisions are finalized before demolition begins.

For contractors, thorough planning creates a smoother job from start to finish. With a shared vision in place, work crews can move forward confidently, and homeowners can expect fewer surprises along the way. This level of clarity not only speeds decision-making but also ensures that the finished space aligns closely with the homeowner's goals.

The message from McManus is clear: great bathroom remodels begin long before the first tile is pulled. By investing time in detailed preparation, homeowners save money, avoid frustration, and achieve a result that balances function, style, and code compliance.

Mark McManus shares this practical guidance in his HelloNation feature, [Why Smart Bathroom Planning Beats Any Demo Day](#). In the article, he highlights the value of early planning, showing how thoughtful choices in layout, design, and storage make the difference between a stressful renovation and a successful transformation.

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