

Guide to help you renovate your house

Various methods and factors to be considered while renovating your house

Getting your home renovated is really important as it makes it comfortable and safe.

There's no place like home. A home's a place where you get to be alone or spend time with your family. You get to spend more time with yourself and be yourself. You can do things in there that you don't want the rest of the world to know. Therefore you need to have a home where you enjoy yourself. It needs to fulfill all your needs. It needs to be beautifully decorated and comfy to keep you in the best of the moods.

But the most important factor your house needs is proper lighting. You can do nothing in your house if you can't see a thing. Proper lighting is the key to letting people see your beautiful house. It's also important to have proper heating to keep you comfortable and stop you from freezing. You also need to have an unlimited supply of water, the basic necessity of human beings. It's necessary to have a good supply of electricity continuously in order to have proper lighting, water and heating in the house.

This guide will help make the electric renovation part of your house easier. This guide will help you learn the advantages of getting your house renovated, it will also teach you the best way to get it done and the things you need to take into consideration while getting your house renovated. All these factors are important in making your house more comfy and keeping you in the best state possible.

9 reasons why you need renovate your house

1. Improving the lighting: Good lighting is one of the most important factors any house needs. In order to be able to see or do anything in the house you need to have light. Different types of lights bring out different types of rooms and make them appear better. Using different tones of light you can bring out different moods. There are lights which make the room look more joyous and celebrative and there are lights which make the room appear sad and dull. You might need a really bright room for a party and the dullest light possible to help you sleep. It's important to have a light that suits your mood and your room and makes you feel chirpy or sleepy.

2. Improving the heating: Proper heating is an important part of the house. It's important that the temperature of the house is at least 68 degrees. For this you need to have proper equipment and a good supply of electricity that maintains the temperature and stops you from freezing. Heating is also required to heat water which is used for washing and bathing. It's important to have a good heater which will help you achieve the perfect temperature for your baths.

3. Choosing the right equipment: There are different types of equipment that suit different households. It's important to have the right electrical equipment. For e.g. a bigger house with more number of people will require a stronger heater to heat up the home and water. And a smaller house with fewer people would require a heater of a different capacity.

This doesn't mean you just choose the most expensive heater or the cheapest heater. It's important to consult an expert who knows more about equipment. They can help you select instruments that will suit you. A good instrument will not only function at its best, but will also last longer and save you money by consuming lesser amounts of electricity.

4. Getting equipment installed: Installing equipment is not as easy as it sounds. It's important to get equipment installed properly the first time. If the equipment is installed improperly it might cost you more to get it reinstalled as not only do you have to pay for it to be installed again, but you also have to pay for the damage caused by it. And improperly installed equipment can not only cause a lot of damage, but can also be dangerous.

Renovating your house can cost you some money in the beginning, but in the long run you will end up saving a lot of money.

5. Reducing electricity consumption: Electricity is getting really expensive. There are a lot of new products out there that consume less electricity. They might cost a little more than the regular products, but you will save money in the long run as you will be saving money on electricity. Buying the cheapest product will just make you spend a fortune on electricity. It's also important to choose the right person to install the equipment. The right person will know how to install the equipment properly and make them consume the least electricity. Installing them improperly will just make them consume more and more electricity. Seeing to it that they absorb the right amounts of electricity will also make them last longer, so you don't have to waste your money on replacements.

6. Backup power: In some areas where there are black outs and power shutdowns on a regular basis. It's important to have a power back up battery or generator to help you have a supply of electricity at least for a short period of time. You might need it for lighting, heating etc. You never know when it will be of use and save your day.

7. Installing high power consuming equipment: When you're planning to install new equipment like a hot tub or a heat pump, in the house that will consume a lot of electricity. It's important that you hire an expert to install them as these equipment consume massive amounts of electricity. If you just connect them by yourself without making any changes, it might result in a power shutdown of the house. It will also cause some damage. You might have to go for days without electricity while it's being repaired. You might also have to shell out a lot of money to get your house repaired. Therefore it's mandatory to hire an expert.

8. Installing plugs and switches: If you would like to have many switches for a light or any other equipment. It's best to hire an expert and get it done. Whether it's just for convenience so that you don't have to get up from bed to switch of the light or because it's not working properly, experts know the most suitable and quickest methods. You can also get new plugs installed if your new electrical equipment requires it.

9. Small repairs: It's important to get small problems like flickering lights and loose wires fixed right away. Most people think that there's no need to get them repaired straight away and can wait till they have a bigger problem. Electricity is dangerous especially when you have kids or pets in the house. It's important to get them repaired straight away especially loose wires as there is a big possibility that they might come in contact with water and we all know how hazardous that can be.

How do you get your house renovated ?

Depending upon your budget and time there are many methods using which you can renovate your house.

There are many options to choose from while getting your house renovated, this section will help you decide and choose the best option for yourself.

1. Do it yourself: You can try and renovate your house by yourself. It's the cheapest way to get your house renovated. You don't have to pay a handyman or an electrician or an electric renovations company. All you have to pay for is the new equipment. But to be able to do this you need to be an expert. You can't just start doing it by asking your neighbor a few tips, as you might end up using the wrong products. You might also install them improperly. This might lead to more damages, which will cost you a lot to get fixed.

The best thing to do is hire an expert, this could be a handyman/electrician or an electric renovations company. Let's take an e.g. you decide to handle your own yearly accounts by yourself, instead of appointing an accountant who would cost you around \$1000 a year. But having a good accountant will be very helpful as they know all about the benefits out there and how they can be of advantage to you. They can help you save \$3000 to \$4000 a year. Therefore having an accountant works out cheaper than not having one.

You get the same benefit with using an expert in electronics. They know the equipment that's best for you. The equipment which absorbs the least amount of electricity and will

save you money. They also install it perfectly the first time, so that you don't have to waste your money reinstalling them or getting the damages caused by them repaired.

2. Hiring a handyman/electrician: Hiring a good handyman/electrician is better than trying to renovate your home by yourself. A good experienced electrician would know how to install equipment and conduct repairs properly. They have a good knowledge about electronics. They also know about the best deals out there and can get you a good discount on electrical equipment.

But the problem is that there are only a few good independent electricians out there. Only a few electricians are keen on renovating your home properly. They also work alone and they don't have the company of experts specializing in different types of repairs, to advise them on different jobs. They also don't have the latest equipment that will help them finish the job faster and causing the least damage to the house. They generally don't offer a warranty.

The best option is to get your house renovated using a renovations company.

3. Hiring an electric renovation/repair company: The best option to help for getting your house renovated is using an electric renovations/repairs company. Electric renovation companies generally have experts in all fields of electrical repair i.e. an expert in wiring, an expert in lighting, an expert in heating and so on. These experts work on jobs they are good at and help you get the best service. They also have the assistance of modern equipment and assistants to help them.

Using them they can also finish the job quickly, causing no damage to the house. For e.g. good electric renovation companies have equipment with which they can install wires behind the walls without tearing them apart. No damage is caused to the walls. Good electric renovation companies offer long warranties as they are confident about their work.

These qualities make renovation companies the best option.

Choosing the right renovation company:

You need to take your time and carefully consider the perfect renovations company.

Let us now discuss the qualities you need to look for in a renovation company, so that they can help you with your repairs.

Not all renovation companies are good. There are special qualities that make a good renovation company stand out. The points discussed in this chapter will help you choose the best renovation company to fulfill your needs.

1. What they specialize in? : That's the first question you're supposed to ask an electric renovations company. It's important that they specialize in the problem at hand, so that you can get the best renovation possible. If you have a wire problem you need someone who specializes in wire repairs, if you have a heating problem you need someone who specializes in heating repairs and so on. If you need more than one type of repair or you want to get your entire house renovated, it's best to hire a renovation company that has renovators who specialize in all the fields.

2. How soon can you start and how long is it going to take?: It's really important to find out how long it's going to take. You need to find out if you can stay in the house while they do the repairs or you have to move out temporarily. If it takes too long you might have to find a new place to stay, which could cost you some money too. This doesn't mean that you just go ahead and choose the company that will do it the fastest. You need to make sure that the company will not only do it fast, but will also do a good job.

3. Find out if they are certified by the BC service authority and can show you the certificate: It's important that you hire a company that is certified and follows all the rules and regulation. These certificates are made so that you can get the best service possible. You also need to find out if they have passed any other tests and certificates which will prove their expertise.

4. You need to make sure that they have the expertise and the tools for the project:

You need to choose a company that has the right tools that will make the job a lot quicker and easier. You also need to see to it that they have the right experts who can manage these tools properly and together do an amazing job.

5. You need to find out if their methods of renovation would cause any damage to the house and whether they will be fixing it or do have to do it by yourself: This is one of the most important things you need to find out. After the project is over you don't want to come home and find it in a mess. You might have to spend a fortune and wait a long time to get it fixed. The best thing to do is find a company that will renovate your house causing no damage or minimal damage or will fix the damage caused.

6. How much will it cost: It's important to find out how expensive the project is going to be. You just don't blindly hire the cheapest company. They might not do a good job and your house might require expensive future repairs, as their work might cause a lot of damage which you might need to get fixed.

You need to take a lot of options into consideration before hiring a renovations company. Some of them might be expensive, but they will do a quality job that will save you a lot of money in the long run.

7. Do you offer a warranty and how long is it for: A good renovation company that has complete confidence in its work will offer a good long warranty. Most of them offer the minimum warranty. Some of them don't offer a warranty at all, these companies cannot be trusted.

But the really good ones offer the longest warranties. **LIKE US.**

A really long warranty confirms that the renovation company provides service of the highest quality.

We at ER Electrics offer you a 100% 24 month satisfaction warranty.

You have TWENTY FOUR full months to examine everything we have done for you, use it, and, if for any reason it doesn't perform to your 100% Satisfaction, we'll come out and fix or replace it at no additional cost.

We think that fact has to tell you a lot about the results YOU can expect from having ER Electric Ltd working for you. After all, why would anybody have us back to take care of other projects or refer us to their friends and colleagues if they weren't 100% satisfied that we'll do it right the first time? What can be fairer?

Testimonial

"Thanks for the great service. It was wonderful having the men do such a nice , neat job for us. Everything seems to be working fine now and our insurance company should be more than satisfied. Best regards and thanks again."

BRYAN AND OLGA, Nanaimo, BC.

"Just wanted to thank you again for the work you did at our house. I especially appreciated your quick response time. We would not have been able to complete our renovations or move in with any efficiency if you had not gone out of your way to accommodate us with all of our last minute panic calls. We also appreciated all the knowledgeable tips you were able to give us."

Rena & Gary

Testimonial

You can also make use of our special offer

You can have a **BASIC** Home Electrical **SAFETY** Inspection performed by a **Certified Electrician** from ER Electric Ltd for just **\$74**. You'll receive Peace of Mind through a detailed check-up of your electrical panel, including a Panel Maintenance Package (worth \$68), a review of all circuit breakers and wiring sizes to ensure that the wiring in your home is properly protected, a spot check of the general condition of wiring and devices, and testing of all the **LIFE SAFETY** Devices (such as Smoke detectors, Ground Fault and Arc Fault protection devices) in your home to **ENSURE** that it's all working properly to protect your home and your family, (worth \$247). And, you'll receive a written copy of our report.

All of this for ONLY \$74 plus HST. That's a 76% discount.

In addition, if any repairs are found to be necessary and you have the work completed by our team, we will complete the first \$74 worth of work for FREE*

** Only Available for work completed at time of inspection*

Testimonial

"Glen, now that my vacation is over and my guests have left I want to thank you for the work you did on my basement bathroom fan and outlet. I am very pleased with the work and thank you for taking the time to explain all the questions i had. It is nice to have a very friendly and confident company to call. I will be in touch in the future for any other projects. Thanks again."

Margaret Noir

"Thanks for getting our kitchen electrical up and running ~ what a difference it has made to our everyday lives! We were very impressed by your professionalism, prompt call-back, rates, and of course the finished result! It was such a pleasant surprise to see a clean worksite upon completion, and patching the holes before you left showed us that you really went the extra mile!"

Brad & Elise Mitchell

Testimonial

A few advantages of having this type of Audit done prior to starting a renovations project are:

1. You find out about concerns, if any, prior to beginning the project, which saves you money by having the contractor roll, it into the larger project as this saves time.
- 2.. We'll have a better feel for how your home is built and how to route wiring and such to ensure the best plan for upgrading and adding of new wiring which again will save you time and money.
- 3.. The most important reason of all is that you have "Peace of Mind" knowing that your home is safe for you and your family!

PLUS, all work is automatically PROTECTED by:

Our Remarkably Generous **100% 24-Month Satisfaction Warranty**

Which Comes With Each And Every ER Electric Ltd Residential Project

You have TWENTY FOUR full months to examine everything we have done for you, use it, and, if for any reason it doesn't perform to your 100% Satisfaction, we'll come over and fix or replace it at no additional cost. NO questions asked. You do not need a "my dog ate my homework story." No one will ask you any questions at all. No hassle. No "fine print." Simple and straightforward; you are thrilled with what you get from ER Electric Ltd or We will make it right. And, incidentally, we are devoted to the goal of only having satisfied customers. If you're not going to absolutely love the work we've done for you, we really are not satisfied. And we are ready to work on it several times until you love it.

For this reason, you can be sure that we only use the BEST Field Tested materials and tools, and the best trained trades people to ensure that you are 100% satisfied with the work done.

We think that fact has to tell you a lot about the results YOU can expect from having ER Electric Ltd working for you. After all, why would anybody have us back to take care of other projects or refer us to their friends and colleagues if they weren't 100% satisfied that we'll do it right the first time?

NOTE: No Warranty work shall be rendered for clients with a past due account.

HURRY! AS THIS OFFER IS AVAILABLE ONLY FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS

CALL US NOW for your BASIC Home Electrical SAFETY Inspection

Testimonials

"To Glen and his staff we would like to say thank you. You went beyond what we ever expected to fix our power problem. We first called Hydro and they came out, but after they had been there was no change with the fluctuating power in the house. Next we called ER Electric. Glen and his assistant came out, we explained the problems to them, microwave, washing machine, frig and lights nothing working right and off to work they went. After many frustrating hours they just kept on coming up with the same problem, it has to be Hydro. Thanks to Glen he made a couple of phone calls insisting that it was Hydro and would they please send someone back out to check. Sure enough it was Hydro's problem. We just can't say enough about the professional manner in which our problems were looked after by Glen and staff and taking time to call back to make sure everything was OK. Thanks again."

Nibbs & Beth

Thank you! Great job.

T. Reynolds

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Rena & Gary

*"Beefs and Bouquets Nnanaimo News Bulletin Page 44 Thursday, August 14, 2008 - A **BIG BOUQUET** to electrician Glen Lowinger and his team for their emergency response and excellent repairs that saved my home from a serious fire. **THANKS ALSO** to my neighbours Roland (Electric) for coordinating Glen's response and Mark (Handy Hands) for ensuring Glen's work and my roof was covered from the rain."*

MJ Roper

"Thank you for a well done job. You have a very efficient, and clean crew."

John and Eileen Dunham

"In the early spring of 2007, my wife and I decided to undertake a small renovation to our home, which consisted of removing two walls of a small bedroom , thereby opening up the area to the kitchen and providing a family room space.

The renovations were to be done by a local contractor whose reputation at that time gave me no reason for concern. Despite asking him quite clearly if he was competent and confident to do all the various aspects of the work involved, (demolition, drywall, electrical, carpentry, etc.) he assured me that indeed he was.

The work involved removal of two walls, relocation of electrical wiring contained within those walls, repair of ceiling where walls had been removed and the installation of a hardwood floor throughout. In addition new windows and doors were installed. Consequently extensive drywall repair was also required.

Upon completion of the work, it was discovered that the baseboard heater in the kitchen area was not working, and coincidentally neither was one of the basement bedroom heaters working either. The thermostat to regulate the kitchen heater was not installed and an empty electrical box was left on the wall.

Despite numerous calls to the contractor to finish the work he had started, (in addition to the electrical work, there were numerous other small incomplete or non-functioning jobs which needed to be seen to) he cut off all communication with us and we were left high and dry.

In hindsight, we would have been much further ahead if we had insisted to the contractor that a professional qualified electrician be hired to do those parts of the job which required specialized skills.

We contacted ER Electric to help us solve our problem and from the outset felt confident that our needs would be met. It became obvious from the start that some negligence had occurred as wires from the thermostat and power wires to serve the baseboard heater in the kitchen had been buried beneath the hardwood floor. In addition, the heater in the basement was on the same circuit as the one in the kitchen and this explained why it didn't work.

The work required to restore power to both heaters required extensive investigation using an Amprobe wire tracer, followed by ingenious planning to reconnect these two heaters. Once a wiring route had been determined, lines were fished through walls and ceilings to provide the electrical service necessary. This proved to be quite challenging as all walls and ceilings were finished and needed to be opened up and subsequently repaired so that the work was not visible.

The time required to do this work was extensive, and the cost for two electricians soon mounted up. We are completely satisfied with the work done by ER Electric and were impressed by the speed and attention to detail shown by all the employees. In addition, they left our home spotless and were willing, ready and able to answer questions at any time. I can highly recommend them to anyone requiring even the most complicated or difficult electrical work to be done."

Jan and Dave C.

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