

# **BATHROOM RENOVATION: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO TRANSFORMING YOUR SPACE**



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## ABSTRACT

This guide, "Bathroom Renovation: A Step-by-Step Guide to Transforming Your Space," provides a comprehensive roadmap for homeowners seeking to renovate their bathrooms. It covers the entire renovation process, from initial planning to final touches, ensuring a successful transformation. The guide begins with an overview of renovation benefits and common challenges, followed by detailed sections on design and layout, including style selection, optimal layouts, and fixture choices. It includes practical advice on budgeting, hiring professionals versus DIY, and obtaining necessary permits.



The renovation process is outlined in stages, including demolition, installation of plumbing and electrical systems, and finishing touches. Additionally, the guide offers tips for maintenance, cost-saving strategies, and inspiration through case studies. With expert recommendations and actionable steps, this guide aims to empower readers to achieve a stylish, functional, and enduring bathroom space.

## **LET'S GET STARTED**

This comprehensive guide, "Bathroom Renovation: A Step-by-Step Guide to Transforming Your Space," is designed to assist homeowners through the intricate process of renovating their bathrooms. It provides a structured approach, beginning with the initial planning phase where you assess your needs, set a budget, and define your design vision. Understanding whether to tackle the project yourself or hire professionals is crucial, and this guide offers insights into both options, including necessary permits and regulations.

The renovation process itself is broken down into clear stages: plumbing and electrical work, installation of new fixtures, flooring, tiling, and painting. Special attention is given to the installation of cabinetry and storage solutions. Once the major work is completed, the guide addresses finishing touches, including décor, final cleaning, and any necessary adjustments.

Maintenance tips and cost-saving strategies are also included to ensure that the renovated bathroom remains in excellent condition and that expenses are managed effectively. Additionally, the guide features case studies and inspirational examples to provide real-world insights and ideas. By following this structured approach, homeowners can achieve a successful and satisfying bathroom renovation that enhances both the functionality and beauty of their space.

## **WHY DO YOU THINK BATHROOM RENOVATION IS IMPORTANT?**

Bathroom renovation is essential for several reasons, primarily related to functionality, aesthetics, and overall property value. A well-executed renovation can address outdated designs, improve energy efficiency, and enhance the overall user experience. Bathrooms are high-use areas in any home, and renovating them ensures that they meet modern standards of comfort and efficiency. An updated bathroom can also prevent costly repairs in the future by addressing issues such as leaks, mold, or deteriorating fixtures. Additionally, a fresh and modern bathroom can significantly increase the resale value of your home, making it a wise investment for homeowners planning to sell in the future.



## **BENEFITS OF RENOVATING YOUR BATHROOM**

1. **Enhanced Functionality:** Renovating a bathroom allows you to reconfigure the space to better meet your needs. This might involve adding more storage, updating fixtures for improved usability, or creating a more efficient layout. Modern features like walk-in showers, double sinks, and improved lighting can make the bathroom more functional and enjoyable to use.

2. **Increased Property Value:** A well-renovated bathroom can boost the overall value of your home. Potential buyers often consider the state of the bathroom when evaluating a property. A modern, stylish bathroom can make your home more attractive and competitive in the real estate market.



3. **Improved Energy Efficiency:** Updating your bathroom fixtures, such as installing low-flow toilets and energy-efficient lighting, can lead to significant savings on water and energy bills. Renovations provide an opportunity to integrate eco-friendly solutions that reduce your household's environmental footprint.

4. **Enhanced Comfort and Style:** Renovation offers the chance to transform a dated or uncomfortable space into a relaxing retreat. By choosing contemporary designs,

high-quality materials, and personalized touches, you can create a bathroom that reflects your style and enhances your daily routine.

5. **Increased Safety:** An outdated bathroom may have safety hazards such as slippery floors, poor lighting, or aging fixtures. Renovations can address these issues by incorporating non-slip flooring, better lighting, and modern safety features, creating a safer environment for all users.

6. **Resolution of Existing Issues:** Renovating allows you to fix existing problems such as leaks, mold, or poor ventilation. Addressing these issues during a renovation can prevent further damage and costly repairs in the future.

7. **Personalization:** Renovation offers the opportunity to customize the space according to your personal preferences and lifestyle. From selecting colors and materials to choosing fixtures and fittings, you can design a bathroom that suits your tastes and needs perfectly.

Overall, bathroom renovation not only improves the functionality and appearance of the space but also enhances the overall value and efficiency of your home.

### **HOW TO PLAN A BATHROOM REMODEL?**

Bathroom remodeling either fills you with thoughts of clean, gleaming, flawless surfaces or a half-assembled disaster. At some point in every project, maybe both images are true. In any case, the best way to prevent bathroom remodeling disasters is to plan the project carefully before you begin.

#### **Determine the Level of Bathroom Remodel**

The first question to consider is the big picture: What size and level of bathroom remodel do you have in mind? If you do no other bathroom planning, this is the one that you want to have firmly established before starting.

Bathroom remodels can be grouped into four basic levels: surface remodel, a more extensive gut and replace remodel, or changing the bathroom's layout. The fourth level of bathroom remodeling entirely changes the room. The new bathroom might not even be located in the previous space.

## Surface-Level Remodel

At the easiest end of the scale is the surface-alteration bath remodel. You may like the general layout and size of the bathroom and the surfaces (walls, ceiling, floor) are sound. If so, your bathroom might be a good candidate for a surface-level bathroom remodel.

The idea behind any surface-level bathroom remodeler is to cover up or repair but avoid replacing as much as possible. Consequently, a surface-level bathroom remodel produces less waste and is more eco-friendly than other bathroom remodeling levels. Since materials that are used in covering and repairing are cheaper than replacement materials, it also translates to a far less expensive bathroom remodel.



## Gut and Replace

With this level of remodeling, you keep the same layout and fixture locations of your old bathroom, but you gut the space down to the bare walls and flooring. After that, you install all new plumbing fixtures, vanity, flooring, and lighting.

When the walls are open, new wiring and plumbing are usually installed in place of the old materials.

Many of the bathroom items that are removed are difficult to replace. The towel bars, toilet, and bathroom vanity can usually be cleaned up or refurbished. But the flooring, bathtub, and shower often are too badly damaged during the removal process to be re-installed.

Gutting and replacing a bathroom can be done partially or fully. One or two key walls that contain the bulk of the wiring and plumbing might be stripped of their drywall. The other walls and the bathroom ceiling might remain unchanged, except for a final coat of paint at the end.

### **Change the Layout**

A bathroom remodel that changes the layout is one where the walls and perimeter of the bathroom remain the same, but items within the bathroom are moved around.

This level can be quite a bit more involved than a makeover or even a fixture replacement because it might include moving fixtures like the tub/shower, the toilet, or the sink. Moving these items is cumbersome, invasive, messy, and costly. Yet moving these items is often necessary.

Layout changes also include wiring alterations, plumbing changes, and full fixture replacement.

### **Change the Bathroom Entirely**

Altering the bathroom footprint goes beyond gutting the space or even moving fixtures around. The largest scale bathroom remodels include major structural changes that alter the room's perimeter. This can include moving or removing the walls, bumping out an exterior wall, or altering the ceiling or roof.

Usually, the goal is to make the bathroom bigger or to convert a common bathroom into a primary bathroom. Sometimes, a small bathroom is expanded into a bedroom to create a large bathroom.

## **BATHROOM REMODEL IDEAS THAT WILL TRANSFORM YOUR SPACE**

Here are nine ideas to get you started on your bathroom remodel.

### **1. Install a Freestanding Bathtub**

“Built-in deck bathtubs used to be the thing, but now they look dated and take up a lot of space,” Ariana Lovato, owner of Honeycomb Home Design in Shell Beach, California, told Forbes Advisor.

Instead, she recommends freestanding bathtubs, which are elegant, timeless, and easier to reface. The one caveat? Freestanding tubs can be hard to get in and out of for some people, so keep that in mind before you commit.

### **2. Select an Undermount Sink**

Undermount sinks are known for their sleek design, but one of their best features is the fact that they are so much easier to clean than their traditional overmount counterparts.

Available in a range of colors, styles and price points, adding an undermount sink to your bathroom is an upgrade won't regret—and one that will likely leave you wondering why you waited so long to make the switch.





### **3. Upgrade Your Toilet**

While a basic toilet gets the job done, a bathroom remodel is the perfect opportunity to switch the basic out for something a little more luxurious. One of the obvious choices, Lovato says, is to add a bidet (something that feels almost like a requirement after the great toilet paper shortage of 2020).

However, you don't have to stop there—today's toilet manufacturers are incorporating heated seats, automatic flushing, self-cleaning and smart technology into their designs.

### **4. Consider a Medicine Cabinet**

Wait, a medicine cabinet? Aren't they a little on the antiquated side? Believe it or not, medicine cabinets are making a comeback, says Lovato. And today's medicine cabinets are a far cry from the medicine cabinets of yore, she says, explaining that you can now find medicine cabinets that offer just as much in terms of design appeal as they do in space to store your ibuprofen.

Some higher-end medicine cabinets even incorporate USB ports so you can keep all those electric toothbrushes hidden behind closed doors.

### **5. Add Steam to Your Shower**

These days, everyone is looking for ways to incorporate a little self-care into the daily routine. One way to do this, Lovato says, is by replacing your regular shower with a steam shower. Steam showers essentially re-create the spa experience at home, and some even incorporate aromatherapy, Wi-Fi, lighting and other high-tech features.

Naturally, steam showers aren't going to be easy on everyone's budget—but if you have the resources, this is a bathroom remodeling project that you most certainly will not regret.

### **6. Contemplate Your Color Palette**

Who decided that a bathroom had to be neutral in color? The truth is, the bathroom is just as apt to benefit from a color scheme change as any other room in your

house. So, instead of going for the color you think should go in a bathroom, select colors that you love.

This may result in bright green cabinets, pink tile or dark walls that coordinate perfectly with your vinyl flooring. All are acceptable, as long as you like it—just be sure to think about whether the bathroom color scheme is something you are willing to either live with or modify in the event that your taste changes in the future.

## **7. Prioritize Lighting**

If the only lighting in your bathroom comes from the bulbs above your vanity, you are probably not getting the most out of your personal grooming routine. Vanity lighting is important, but you'll enjoy your bathroom much more if that isn't all you have.

Options include adding ambient lighting fixtures around the bathroom or bringing in some accent lighting into the space (this is a light fixture that is as much about looks as it is about function). You can install shower lighting, as well.

## **8. Install a Ventilation Fan**

If your bathroom doesn't have a fan, now is the time to put one in (plus, it is now a code requirement). Fans allow air to circulate so mold is kept at bay, and they also reduce moisture and humidity (especially helpful for anyone who decides to get on the steam shower bandwagon).

## **9. Incorporate Storage Solutions**

If you've ever stepped out of the shower to discover that you forgot to grab a towel from the hallway linen closet, you'll understand why adding storage is an essential component of any bathroom remodeling project. And believe it or not, you can find space for storage even in the smallest of bathrooms.

Hooks and baskets are no-nonsense, but you can also incorporate built-ins or install floating shelves and if you have enough room for dedicated bathroom storage cabinets, definitely go for it—you'll never regret having a convenient place to keep towels, extra shampoo and all those other bathroom incidentals.

## **HOW MUCH DOES A BATHROOM RENOVATION COST?**

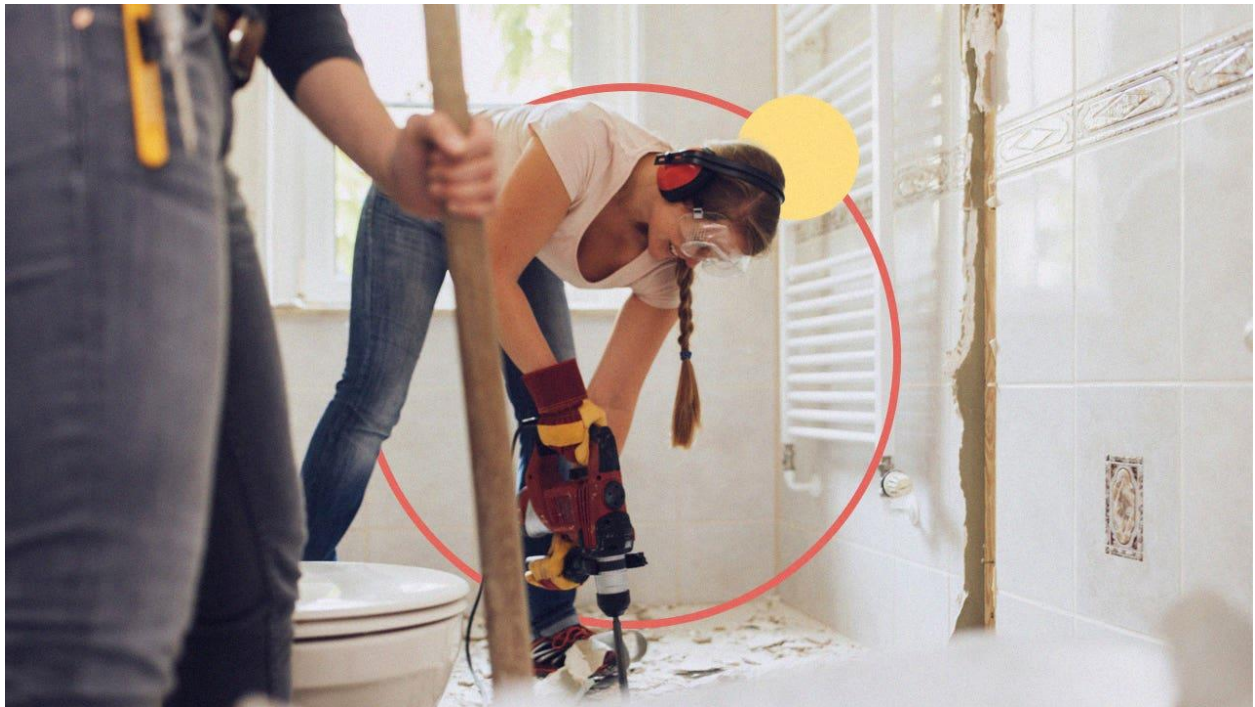
Here is the cost classifications for bathroom renovation:-

Low-cost bathroom renovation

**BUDGET: \$2000 to \$7000**

Put down the tiling tool kit. As you have probably guessed, there is not a lot of room in this price bracket for remodelling and you'll almost certainly have to keep all of your plumbing and electrics in place. But there are still plenty of affordable updates to try.

If you want to add some new accessories, go for a new toilet roll holder, mixer taps, a fresh vanity, or a new shower head. It's also important to pay attention to clean lines and continuity, according to owner of Interiors By Cason, Noelene Cason. Wall-mounted vanities with drawers create clean lines and provide good storage, while shaving cabinets are good for storage and easy to access. Look around for ex-demo showroom stock items for savings. She also adds that extractor fans and heat lamps are also a must in every bathroom, as are LED downlights, which are reasonably priced these days.



## **Mid-range bathroom renovation**

**BUDGET:** \$8000 to \$16,000.

Bigger jobs, such as ripping out old tiles and replacing them with chic new ones, are doable in this price bracket. What it really comes down to is the accessories you choose, what brand you want to use and how lavish you want to be.

At this price point you can start to incorporate a little luxury. “Introduce a feature tile for a section of one wall or a whole wall depending on cost, either within the shower or behind the vanity.”

Wall lights placed either side of the vanity mirror bring elegance to a room, while in-wall cisterns for toilet suites are a great way of creating more floor space. If the room allows for it, standalone or back-to-the-wall baths creates style and luxury.

## **Luxury bathroom renovation**

**BUDGET** \$16,000 to \$45,000+

The luxury bathroom budget is a thing of a beauty, with large demolition projects, total layout changes and complete overhauls now possible.

You can add more features like heated floors, a spa bath, additional lighting and any other trimmings you think will make your bathroom luxe. You can start to look at big brands, such as Dorf, and some higher-end features, such as free-standing baths, which can cost around \$12,000 alone.

Built-in LED strip lighting also creates mood lighting and illuminates floors for night lighting. Depending on the size of the bathroom and its windows, dressing the window with either sheer curtains, blinds or shutters will bring a feeling of indulgence to the space.

## **WHY IS CLEANING AFTER RENOVATION?**

Post renovation cleaning is an essential step to ensure that your newly renovated home is free from dust, debris, and other hazardous substances that can negatively affect the health and safety of your family.



Post-renovation cleaning allows you to properly eliminate any dust, dirt, and hazardous materials that may have been created during the renovation process, thus creating a safe and healthy home environment.

This article will discover the critical importance of post-renovation cleaning for your home's health and safety. We will also discuss the potential health risks and safety hazards associated with neglecting post-renovation cleaning and determine how to ensure your home is thoroughly cleaned and safe for occupancy.



### **Importance of Post Renovation Cleaning**

Post renovation cleaning ensures your newly renovated home is safe and healthy. After all the hard work of completing a renovation, it is important to clean up the mess and debris left behind. Not only will it make your home look and feel better, but it is also an important step in protecting your family's health.

This is important for many reasons. First, it removes all the dust and particles from the renovation process. These particles can contain toxic chemicals that can be

dangerous if inhaled or ingested. Cleaning the mess can help protect yourself and your family from potential health risks.

Second, post-renovation cleaning can help keep your newly renovated home looking its best. By removing any dust and debris left behind, you can help maintain the look and feel of your newly renovated home. This can help keep it looking newer for longer and can help preserve its value.

### **Key Benefits of Post-Renovation Cleaning**

#### **1. Removal of Dust and Debris:**

Post-renovation cleaning effectively removes dust, debris, and construction residues that accumulate during the renovation process. This includes fine dust particles from sanding, dirt from construction, and leftover materials. A thorough clean-up ensures a fresh and healthy living environment free from potential irritants.

#### **2. Enhanced Aesthetic Appeal:**

Renovations often leave behind smudges, stains, and marks on surfaces. Post-renovation cleaning restores the visual appeal of newly renovated spaces by removing construction-related imperfections, smudges, and fingerprints, allowing you to fully appreciate the updated look of your home.

#### **3. Improved Air Quality:**

Construction and renovation work can release dust, fumes, and other pollutants into the air. Post-renovation cleaning helps to eliminate these contaminants, improving indoor air quality and creating a healthier environment. This is particularly beneficial for individuals with respiratory conditions or allergies.

#### **4. Prevention of Damage:**

Dust and debris from renovation work can settle on surfaces and cause damage over time. Proper cleaning helps to prevent scratches, stains, or other forms of damage to new fixtures, flooring, and furniture, ensuring that your investment remains in excellent condition.

## 5. Healthier Living Environment:

Removing dust, mold spores, and other potential allergens through post-renovation cleaning contributes to a healthier home environment. This is crucial for reducing the risk of respiratory issues, allergies, and other health problems associated with dust and construction residues.

## 6. Increased Safety:

Post-renovation cleaning helps to eliminate potentially hazardous materials, such as leftover nails, sharp objects, or chemical residues, that could pose safety risks. Ensuring that your space is thoroughly cleaned makes it safer for residents and visitors.

## 7. Readiness for Use:

After renovation, a thorough cleaning ensures that your space is ready for immediate use. It allows you to enjoy your newly renovated areas without the inconvenience of dealing with residual mess or unfinished work.

## 8. Preservation of Renovation Investment:

Investing in professional post-renovation cleaning protects your renovation investment by maintaining the cleanliness and condition of newly installed materials and finishes. This helps to extend the lifespan of your renovation and keeps your home looking its best.

## 9. Improved Property Value:

A clean and well-maintained post-renovation space enhances the overall appearance of your property, which can be beneficial if you plan to sell. A spotless environment contributes to a positive impression and can potentially increase the market value of your home.

## 10. Stress Reduction:

Post-renovation cleaning alleviates the stress and hassle of dealing with leftover construction mess. By having professionals handle the cleaning, you can focus on enjoying your newly renovated space and settling back into your home.

## **HOW TO DEEP CLEAN YOUR BATHROOM IN EASY STEPS?**

### 1. Gather Supplies:

Start by assembling all necessary cleaning supplies. You'll need gloves, a scrub brush, microfiber cloths, a mop, a bucket, cleaning solutions (for glass, tiles, and disinfectant), a toilet brush, and a vacuum or broom.

### 2. Clear the Area:

Remove all items from your bathroom, including towels, rugs, and personal items. Take out any trash and discard expired or unwanted products. This will give you unobstructed access to all surfaces.

### 3. Dust and Sweep:

Dust light fixtures, vents, and any other surfaces. Use a duster or a microfiber cloth to clean these areas. Sweep the floor to remove loose dirt and debris before moving on to scrubbing.

### 4. Clean Shower and Tub:

Apply a bathroom cleaner or a mixture of vinegar and baking soda to the shower and bathtub surfaces. Let it sit for 10-15 minutes to break down soap scum and grime. Scrub thoroughly with a brush or sponge, paying special attention to grout lines. Rinse well with warm water.





## 5. Clean the Toilet:

Apply toilet bowl cleaner inside the bowl and scrub with a toilet brush, focusing on stains and under the rim. Wipe the exterior of the toilet with a disinfectant wipe or cleaner. Don't forget to clean the flush handle, which can be a hotspot for germs.

## 6. Tackle Sink and Countertops:

Use an all-purpose cleaner or a mixture of vinegar and water to clean the sink and countertops. Remove any soap scum, toothpaste, and other residues. Scrub the faucet and handles to remove any buildup. Rinse and wipe dry with a clean cloth.

## 7. Clean Mirrors and Glass:

Spray a glass cleaner on mirrors and any glass surfaces. Wipe with a lint-free cloth or paper towel to remove streaks and spots, leaving the glass crystal clear.

## 8. Disinfect High-Touch Areas:

Use disinfectant wipes or sprays to clean high-touch areas such as light switches, door handles, and cabinet knobs. These areas often harbor germs and need regular sanitizing.

## 9. Mop the Floor:

Fill a bucket with a floor cleaner appropriate for your type of flooring. Mop the floor thoroughly, making sure to reach all corners and edges. Allow the floor to air dry completely before walking on it.

## 10. Replace Items and Final Touches:

Put back all the items you removed earlier. Replace old towels with fresh ones, put out new bath mats, and restock essential items like toilet paper. Give the room a final inspection to ensure everything is clean and in its place.

## **HOW TO GET RID OF PINK MOULD IN THE SHOWER?**

The pink tint on the bathroom surfaces can often be pink mould. Bathtubs and showers are the most common spaces for this unpleasant buildup.

However, it is worth noting that pink mould is simply a bacteria recognised as *Serratia marcescens*, which is not considered a mould. These airborne bacteria can easily grow in warm and humid environments. Although the colour sometimes might appear more on the red or orange-pink side, the bacteria's colonies give off a protein called prodigiosin that gives the organism its well-known pink tint.

But since it is often referred to as pink mould, you might assume that it will be as bad for your health as black mould. However, that is not the case, according to professionals who do expert end of lease cleaning Melbourne. But it is still important to eliminate it.

Here is how to get rid of pink mould in the shower. This procedure is perfect for pink mould removal.

### **1. Gather the Supplies**

It is important to prepare properly before tackling the mould. Even though pink mould might not be harmful, it is still a good idea to take some precautions. Start with wearing clothes that cover almost your entire body. Personal protective equipment like safety goggles and rubber gloves are also recommended. Additionally, here are the tools and supplies you will need:

- White vinegar
- Baking soda
- Dish soap
- Spray bottle
- Bucket
- Scrub brush
- Sponge

### **2. Prepare the Cleaning Solution**

Once you have the ingredients ready, it is time to mix them to prepare the solution. Start with combining baking soda and dish soap in a 4-to-1 ratio and use a small bucket for it. If you are dealing with just a tiny amount of pink mould in the shower, about 2 tablespoons of dish soap and ½ cup of baking soda will be sufficient.

However, if the mould is larger, it might be better to try ½ cup of dish soap and 2 cups of baking soda. Ensure they are mixed and ready to use. According to the experts who do cheap end of lease cleaning Melbourne, this cleaning solution can prove to be highly effective for eliminating pink mould.



### **3. Apply the Cleaning Solution to the Pink Mould**

Now, it is time to directly apply the eco-friendly solution to the affected area. To ensure you are spreading the mixture evenly in the shower areas, utilise the bristles of your scrub brush. It is best recommended to use horizontal, vertical, and circular brush strokes.

This way, you will confirm that you are making contact with the mould. This is even truer for the tile grout since pink mould is known to often grow in those spots first. It might be a good option to use an old toothbrush to maneuver your way into the grout lines and into the narrow corners. After completing this procedure, wash the brush's bristles using hot water. It will allow you to get rid of any possible signs of pink mould stuck in the bristles.

#### **4. Rinse the Areas**

In case you have a removable shower head, it is better to use it to rinse all the spots where you used the cleaning solution. It is more than likely that the scrubbing would have loosened the pink film, which is why rinsing will take it to the shower drain.

However, if you do not have a removable showerhead, you can rinse using a bucket full of clean water. Once you have completed rinsing all the areas, try to look if any spot still has pink mould. Particularly, look in corners and other areas where two things meet, including the showerhead. In case you find any pink mould again, professionals who do cheap end of lease cleaning Melbourne recommend repeating the procedure.

#### **5. Place Shower Curtain and Liner in the Washer**

It is considered that pink mould might be able to make its way to the folds of your shower curtain and liner. So, it becomes important to properly clean them. The ideal method for washing them is simply placing them in the washer.

Remember to use a detergent that is designed specifically to kill bacteria. Once you have washed the items, refrain from drying them using the dryer, as you can easily rehang them even while wet. There is also the option of replacing the shower curtain and liner if you prefer that.

#### **6. Use a DIY Disinfectant to Disinfect the Shower**

Finally, professionals who do budget end of lease cleaning Melbourne recommend disinfecting your shower area. Using a natural and eco-friendly disinfectant is ideal for this job. Simply mix equal parts of white vinegar and water in a spray bottle. This mixture is great for removing mould and mildew. Spray the solution on the



shower areas and allow it to sit there for no less than 10 minutes. After properly disinfecting, finish by rinsing the entire shower area. You can use hot water to rinse.

Removing pink mould does not have to be a tough task. It can be quite straightforward if you can manage to follow the correct procedure. The one mentioned in this article is highly effective for pink mould removal, which is why following it can help you maintain a mould-free shower.

### **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, renovating your bathroom is a rewarding endeavor that not only enhances the functionality and aesthetic appeal of your space but also adds significant value to your home. By following the step-by-step guide provided, you can navigate the complexities of bathroom renovation with confidence and clarity.



From the initial planning phase, which involves assessing your needs, setting a realistic budget, and defining your design vision, to the actual renovation process including layout design, fixture installation, and finishing touches, each step plays a crucial role in achieving a successful transformation. It's important to carefully consider each aspect, including material choices, professional services, and cost-saving strategies, to ensure that your renovation meets both your expectations and budget.

Post-renovation, the benefits of a well-executed bathroom upgrade extend beyond just aesthetics; they encompass improved functionality, enhanced comfort, and increased property value. Regular maintenance and thoughtful care will ensure that your renovated bathroom remains in excellent condition and continues to provide satisfaction for years to come.

By approaching your bathroom renovation with thorough planning and attention to detail, you can create a space that not only meets your practical needs but also reflects your personal style and enhances your home's overall appeal. Whether you choose to undertake the project yourself or enlist the help of professionals, the end result will be a beautifully transformed bathroom that adds both enjoyment and value to your living space.

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