



# When planning your basement, ask all the right questions.

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In most homes, basements are called upon to perform multiple miracles, not the least of which is to hide all the stuff we don't have room for anywhere else. When planning your basement renovation project be sure to consider:

**Current state**

- Is the basement dry? .....
- Is it comfortable? .....
- Is there adequate headroom? .....
- Is there adequate space? .....
- Is it too dark? .....
- Are you hoping to add natural light? .....
- Temperature - is it too cold / drafty? .....

**Mechanicals**

Allow ample space for furnace, hot water, drains, electrical service, overhead pipes and ductwork .....

**Workshop**

Even if you're not a handyman, every home needs some space for tools and projects .....

**Laundry**

There are a lot of good reasons to keep laundry in the basement! .....

**Entertainment**

Basements are great areas to locate a games room or home theatre .....

**Toys, Crafts and Hobbies**

Are you looking for play / leisure space? Consider storage and easy access .....

**Workout space**

Are you considering a home gym? .....

**Storage**

A significant complaint among homeowners is lack of storage, now's the time to make sure that's not a problem you have .....

**Mudroom / walkout**

Depending on the style of your home, perhaps basement access is something to think about .....

**Extra bedroom / guestroom**

The basement can be great living space too .....

**Basement comfort**

There is no longer any reason why the basement should be thought of as cold, damp, dark or drafty. Modern construction techniques can create a comfortable, warm environment that truly makes the basement a part of the home. ....

**Ceiling height/underpinning**

There's no better way to change the feel of the basement than by creating more ceiling height. Digging out / underpinning can be a very effective way to get the space you're hoping for. ....

**Other things many people consider in the basement**

- Bar area or wine cellar .....
- Other hobbies .....
- Play space .....
- Home office .....
- Older kids still living at home (privacy / their own space) .....
- Fireplace .....