



When planning your open concept home renovation, ask all the right questions.

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Open concept design can make a home feel more spacious and connected, but these renovations come with their own unique considerations.

Connection / seamlessness

When you take out a wall you have two spaces to connect. This can be done seamlessly but it takes planning and consideration.

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What's behind that wall

Any wall you remove is likely to be hiding wiring or plumbing, possibly ductwork or all of the above. Make sure you have a plan on how to deal with these services you'll be interrupting.

Wiring.....

 Plumbing.....

 Ductwork.....

More than moral support

Many walls that homeowners are looking to remove are load-bearing walls. Special support structures (usually involving very heavy steel beams) have to be engineered to distribute the load the wall was carrying and create an open, safe living space

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Fully open or partial?

To maintain some support and to keep some separation of space, consider only removing a portion of wall

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On a larger scale

A new open plan often leads to ideas of shifting the location of eating, living and entertaining areas. One of the main benefits to open concept design is that you can combine spaces. Perfect for casual lifestyle.

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In a more limited application

Direct connection to one or more spaces. Making rooms connect makes each space feel larger and less confining.

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What is your driving issue?

- Better connection to interior spaces?.....
- More natural light?.....
- Connectivity for entertaining?.....
- Make better use of existing spaces (without 'adding on')?.....

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