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THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOUR INSTALLER ARRIVES

Prior to enjoying the pleasures of your new kitchen, there is the process of the remodeling construction that can bring with it some challenges and more than a few disruptions to your routine. To ease the stress that this creates, we've put together a checklist to help you know what to expect and be better prepared.

- In a fond farewell to your old kitchen, spend some time in it, cooking. Make family favorites and throw them in the freezer. You'll thank yourself later.
- In the weeks before the work begins, keep a list of all of those restaurants you've been meaning to try. When the microwave gets old, your list will come in handy for a quick escape!
- Pack up the kitchen well before the cabinets arrive. While it's a great time to spring clean your shelves, don't forget to label the storage boxes well. This will make the unpacking process a lot easier and a lot more fun!
- Plan to create a temporary kitchen and to relocate a refrigerator, microwave, toaster and coffee maker for use during construction.
- You may be able to temporarily move everything you need...except the kitchen sink. Consider where your water source will be in relation to your temporary kitchen.
- Arrange an eating area.
- Keep utility utensils nearby such as: can opener, bottle/wine opener, sharp knives and microwavable plates.
- Keep daily use staples available: butter, ketchup, salt and pepper, spices.
- Tell the kids you're picnicking...use paper plates, napkins and disposable silverware.
- Remember cleaning supplies and dishtowels.
- Don't forget about your pets! If there isn't an area in your home to keep them safely away from construction – especially during certain phases – it may be a perfect time to treat your pet to a vacation with family or a play date at a friend's home.

- Decide on where you'd like the installers to store their tools. Make sure it is in a locked area.
- Dust...there's just no way to avoid it. If there is a fish tank or electrical equipment in close proximity to the work, remember to keep them well covered.
- Before the cabinets arrive, prepare a safe enclosed area for the cabinets and appliances to be delivered to. Usually a garage is a good location.

Good luck and enjoy your beautiful new kitchen!