

Schedule or Forecast



Scheduling, with all of its rigid connotations, is useful but almost never accurate when it comes to the remodeling process. There is too much in the "unknown" column for that kind of accuracy. Unknowns such as: weather or what's behind that wall or under that floor or subcontractor's schedules or additional work that sometimes gets added. So I refer to it as a forecast instead. You know, like a weather forecast. It will give you the events in the general order in which they happen and approximate timeline and durations for each task.

All the events are "task driven" and not "date driven". That means that most tasks will follow in the order in which they are given and not necessarily on the date that they are listed. So please don't get too hung up on the dates assigned to specific tasks. It isn't intended to work that way. That being said, some tasks are not dependent on other work being done first. Once in a while I will perform them at a different time (usually when a hole develops because of a scheduling conflict or because of a "rain day" or while waiting on a material delivery). Flexibility is the key in remodeling.

There is some room figured in to cover for some unknowns but if there are a lot of delays or if we discover that there might be a lot more work involved than first anticipated, the forecast might have to be reworked. Forecasts will not be updated as a matter of course.

For those who need the security of knowing exactly what's happening every day, I cannot offer you any solace here. If it is critical for you to know which day the electrician or the tile setter will be there, of course we can help you with that. We can give you a few days or in some cases as much as a week's notice so you can plan to meet with them.

I know that the remodeling process is a mystery to most folks and I hope that the forecast will help to de-mystify it and answer a few questions for you. That is exactly the intended purpose for the forecast. Don't be afraid to ask questions. The more you know, the less stressful your project will be.