



ESTIMATING

Design-Build Projects

As a licensed general contractor with our own in house carpenters, we estimate everything from installing new windows, to building a 2 story deck, to completely renovating your home or building an addition.

Our estimates are **FREE** if you own the home!*

STEP 1:

Contact our office!

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STEP 2:

Book an appointment

Our office will email you a calendar invite for your appointment via Google Calendar. You'll receive a text reminder the day before. If you already have architectural and/or design plans, please email them and we will ensure our estimator has a copy for the appointment.

STEP 3:

Appointment with Estimator

Our estimator will meet with you online or onsite and go over the details of your project. If you do not have an architect or interior designer you are working with yet, we have several qualified professionals we can refer you to.

STEP 4:

Estimate Presentation

After your initial appointment, our estimator will prepare your estimate. Estimates are completed within 1 to 3 weeks depending on the scope of work, and whether architectural and/or design plans have been finalized. Once the estimate is ready, you will either receive the estimate via email, or an onsite meeting will be scheduled to review in person.

STEP 5:

Review your estimate!

After you've received your estimate, take some time to review it. During this phase, if needed, we can schedule a conference call to discuss additional questions. Please note that only one revision of the estimate is provided. If additional revisions are requested, we reserve the right to charge hourly for our Estimator's time.

STEP 6:

Approve your estimate!

Once you've reviewed the estimate and have decided to move forward with the work, contact our office via email or phone to let us know that you approve the estimate. Our Client Account Manager will be in touch to let you know the next steps. Keep reading for more details!

OVERALL TIMELINE

Although the timeframe from appointment to signed contract can take anywhere from 3 weeks to 6 months, on average this takes 6 to 8 weeks. There are a few things that affect this timeline: if the scope requires additional time to build the estimate, if the scope is not fully defined at the time of the initial appointment, if formal plans are not yet drawn or finalized, the amount of time it takes for you to review your estimate and ask questions, and whether the estimate needs any revisions. These complex renovation projects typically require multiple meetings onsite to review the scope and contract terms to ensure your needs are met.

* If you do not own the home, we charge \$500 for estimates. This fee is collected before the estimate is sent out, as such an estimate will not be provided until we have received payment. Please contact our office with questions.



CONTRACT TO SCHEDULE

Once you've let our office know that you would like to move forward with your estimate, you will receive an email with a copy of the contract which is a separate document from the estimate. Here's how we get from the contract to work started:

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We need **two** things to get your project on the schedule:

SIGNED CONTRACT

There are a few places to initial, and one signature to collect at the bottom of the contract. Please send a signed and initialed contract to our office. You can send this electronically through email, through Adobe Fill & Sign, or through regular mail to our mailing address.

DEPOSIT

The last page of the contract indicates the deposit amount we are requesting for your project and any additional draw requests or schedules. The deposit can be paid via ACH payment or a check mailed to our office. We accept credit cards, but please note that a non-refundable 3.5% convenience fee will be charged. Please contact our office for more information.

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PROJECT MANAGER

Once the signed copy of the contract has been received by our office, we will email you a copy for your records. The project manager will be assigned internally, and they will reach out to you to introduce themselves, review the scope of work with you and address any concerns or questions you may have. They will also schedule an onsite pre-construction meeting including any architects or designers and subcontractors on the project as well as set up a company lockbox, if required, and company sign at your home to ensure that our teams can access the jobsite.

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TO BE SCHEDULED

Our project managers meet every week to discuss the upcoming week's schedule. At this point any new contracts received during the week are added to the list of jobs to schedule. New work is usually scheduled about a month out and are on a first-come-first-serve basis. There are times that we have openings the following week or we may have last-minute availability, and your project manager will reach out in this event. However, this is not the standard wait time. Once your project has been scheduled, your project manager will be in touch to let you know the start date and general timeline expectations.

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SCHEDULED

General schedule notifications take place the week before. After our weekly schedule meeting, the project manager will reach out and let you know what's on the schedule for the following week. Anything further than a week out does not get confirmed or notified due to the nature of construction schedules. Your project manager will keep you updated on the schedule as it proceeds. Feel free to reach out to them at any time with questions or concerns. As a rule of thumb, we start our projects at 7:00 am and work until 5:00 pm. Our in-house crews do not typically work on a Friday except for emergencies, or as an extra request to be paid at overtime rates, unless otherwise agreed upon. All schedules and schedule changes will be communicated to you by your project manager. You do not have to be present while the work is ongoing, but this is up to your personal discretion. We are proud of our professional team members, and they have been trained according to company standards of quality and care for your sacred space.

Disclaimer: Contractor has no obligation to perform any work/service until we have a signed Agreement. Customer agrees it is not relying on any representation from Contractor until the parties have a signed Agreement.