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SHOWER REMODEL QUESTIONS CHECKLIST

01 Prep before you call

☐ What problem are we solving first — leaks, layout, style, accessibility, or all of the above?
☐ What are my must-haves vs. nice-to-haves (niche, bench, handheld, rain head, steam, curbless)?
☐ What is my budget range (base, realistic, walk-away)?
☐ What timeline constraints do I have (events, holidays, travel)?

02 My Selections - Style and Finish

☐ What tile size and pattern do I want?
☐ Do I prefer natural stone or porcelain?
☐ What grout type and color am I comfortable maintaining (epoxy vs. cement)?
☐ Is a curbless shower important to me?

03 What To Ask The Contractor

A) Waterproofing & Moisture Control
☐ Which waterproofing system will you use (sheet membrane, liquid, or foam board), and where does it start and stop?
☐ Will you flood-test the shower pan before tile, and for how long?
☐ Do you use both a shower pan and a surface-applied waterproofing (e.g., RedGard)? Why?
☐ How will you waterproof niches, valve penetrations, benches, and fasteners?
☐ Where will you place movement joints to reduce cracking?
B) Shower Base, Pan & Structure
☐ How will the pan be built and sloped, and how will you set the drain height?
☐ If curbless, what structural changes are required?
C) Plumbing (Drain, Valves & Rough-In)
☐ Are we relocating the drain or valves, and what's the plan for slab patching/framing/venting?
☐ For a primary residence, which shower valves/trim do you recommend — and why?

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04 | *What To Ask The Contractor (Part 2)*

D) Glass & Enclosure
☐ When will you measure the glass, and what is the lead time?
E) Tile Layout & Installation Quality
☐ Do you set tile with lasers and long levels to verify plumb/flat? How do you check it?
☐ Will you wait to tape and bed the surrounding drywall until after the tile is installed?
F) Scope, Inclusions & Exclusions
☐ What items are included in your price vs. allowances vs. owner-supplied?
☐ What exactly is excluded from your scope?
G) Materials Sourcing & Partner Coordination
☐ Do you have preferred supplier partners for tile and plumbing fixtures? Who is my point of contact?
☐ Will you coordinate selections and ordering with your partner stores?
☐ Will you install owner-supplied fixtures or materials not purchased through your partners?
H) Schedule & Process
☐ What are the milestones and sequence from demo to punch list?
☐ What schedule assumptions and lead times are you basing this on?
I) Proposal, Pricing & Change Orders
☐ Will your proposal be broken into line items with quantities (tile SF/LF, pan, niche/bench, glass, drain, plumbing moves)?
☐ Which waterproofing brand/system is specified, and is flood-testing included?
☐ What is your change-order process and pricing if I change materials mid-stream?

05 | *Before you sign*

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J) Site Protection & Cleanup
☐ How will you protect adjacent floors and control dust?
☐ What is the daily cleanup standard and the final haul-off plan?
K) Warranty & Documentation
☐ What is your labor warranty, and does it explicitly cover the shower pan and waterproofing?
☐ Will you photo-document the waterproofing before tile?