



## Starting Your Kitchen Remodel

*Modern kitchens are a cultural, social and entertainment space in your home. Your kitchen can be a gathering spot, a cooking center, a meal-planning area or a social center. Planning ahead will ensure that you will have a kitchen that reflects your style, your needs plus your ecological and healthy home values. Below are a few ideas to get you started.*

### **Get Inspired!**

- Create an idea board on Pinterest.com or Houzz.com or collect images from magazines and books.
- Look at Good Green Kitchens by Jennifer Roberts and The Smart Approach to Kitchen Design by Susan Maney (1)

### **Flow and Goals**

- Define your goal. This is the time to assess your needs and wants. Resale value? Entertaining?
- Spend time thinking about how you will use your kitchen and what space and storage needs you may have. What do you have in your current kitchen and where will it go in the new kitchen? What works in your current kitchen and what doesn't?
- Look at accessories for inspiration in pinterest.com or Houzz.com

### **Project Management**

- Consider if you are going to be your own project manager or are you going to hire a General Contractor to do it for you. Hiring a manager can alleviate much of the stress and learning curve on your part. Consider how complicated your project is and what you have time for.
- It is recommended to have your contractor get the permits. The city can hold the permit holder responsible for the construction liability (1). Call you permit department and ask them questions.
- What is your time frame for project completion? Is there an event on the calendar that would be affected if your kitchen was under construction?
- Do you have an installer? If not, would you like to work with our partner installer?

### **Finance and Design**

- Do research and consider your budget. Depending on your scope, cabinets usually range from 30-60% of your budget.

### **Get an Estimate**

- We provide on the spot cabinetry ballpark pricing based on our past projects. Bring in or email us your plans or hand sketches in to get an estimate.
- If you are ready to move forward we are happy to get your project started with a deposit. Give us a call at 510-644-3500