

NYC KITCHEN RENOVATION

Contractor Confidence Checklist

How to Use This Checklist

Use this during contractor consultations to confirm your contractor understands NYC kitchens, pricing, approvals, and timelines.

You are not managing the renovation — you are confirming the right professional is.

What a Qualified NYC Kitchen Contractor Should Handle

- Explains building rules around gas, venting, and appliances
- Handles co-op/condo approvals if required
- Manages permits, inspections, and DOB filings
- Coordinates deliveries, work hours, and building access

What Should Be Clear Before You Sign

- Full scope of work is written, not implied
- Cabinets, appliances, and finishes are clearly specified
- Electrical, plumbing, or gas upgrades are included if required
- Demolition and debris removal are included

What a Good Contractor Will Explain Upfront

- Why pricing is structured the way it is
- What happens if hidden issues are found behind walls
- How inspection or appliance delays are handled
- A realistic NYC timeline — not best-case promises



Realistic NYC Timeline

- Total kitchen renovation: **~7-10+ weeks**, including approvals

NYC Context to Know

NYC kitchens often involve older infrastructure, strict building rules, and multiple inspections. Experienced contractors plan for these conditions rather than reacting to them later.

Red Flags to Watch For

- Guaranteed timelines or pricing
- Vague scopes or lump-sum estimates
- “We’ll figure it out later” answers
- Pressure to sign quickly

Notes from Consultations

Closing Reminder

If your contractor can clearly explain and manage everything above, you’re likely in good hands.

