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## Tips for Selecting Bathroom and Shower Fixtures

Thanks to the increasing popularity of bathroom renovations, there is a wide variety of bathroom and shower fixtures for homeowners like you to choose from. However, that vast number of choices often leaves homeowners overwhelmed. We will help walk you through your selection, but it's still helpful to have an idea of what style you are interested in.



Traditional styles tend to give your bathroom a formal, historical look. Some popular traditional styles are country, colonial, and Victorian. Vanities are typically made of porcelain or stone, with wooden cabinets. Sink and shower fixtures are typically porcelain and brass, chrome or nickel with a variety of embellishments. Tubs with claw feet represent the most elegant of traditional bathtubs, but built-in bathtubs are also popular with some homeowners.

Modern styles, often either angular or streamlined, blend well with minimalist aesthetics and high-tech environments. Vanities are high gloss metal, enamel, or stone for a very clean, bold look. Some homeowners also choose frosted glass

vanities. Pedestal sinks that show off the plumbing and waterfall faucets are also popular. Sink and shower fixtures do not always have embellishments, but may feature geometric or swirl designs. Modern style bathtubs can range from unusually shaped whirlpool tubs to very angular rectangular tubs.

When you are choosing bathroom and shower fixtures, also try to think ahead. Who will be using this bathroom in the future? Will young children or older adults be living in your home? If so, choose fixtures that will be easier for them to use. For example, lever handles rather than cross handles are much easier to grasp for children with small hands or older adults with arthritis. Small adjustments to your plans now will allow you to incorporate these modifications seamlessly.

## **This month's home maintenance tip:**

### **Clean Your Gutters.**

Remove debris and leaves from your gutters to prevent clogging. Water trapped in your gutters can cause major damage to your roof and walls. For most homes, gutters should be cleaned about every 6 months.



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