

### **Schedule and Build:**

At Gage Construction, we always include a Job Schedule. This schedule is not just based on the work to be performed; it is also based on your schedule, including your kids and your pets. We also make sure to have definite means of real time communication set up, so that you can ask and answer questions when they come up. Finally, your builder should be very clear about what you can expect. For instance, demolition is noisy and messy. Is dust protection included in the Contract? Did you know you might have a dumpster in your driveway for a week?

Speaking of Contracts, yours should include a clear step by step work description, a payment schedule based on milestones of completion, clear pricing on allowance items, and a strong guarantee. Here at Gage Construction, we consider managing our clients' expectations and keeping in contact job # 1 during the build phase. And, our guarantee is for 5 years.

### **When it's Done:**

First - it's not done until your happy. If you've had good communication throughout the project, this should be simple and easy to achieve. But there will be a "punch list" of items to finish up, and the Contract wording for final payment should include completion of that list, as well as all required inspections being completed. That's how we do it.

### **A last word:**

This process should be as much fun as it is hard work. Happy remodeling!

Next time I'll be taking a look at Remodeling Tax Credits. They're out there.

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