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Happy Independence Day!

Diamond Builders of America would like to wish you and your family a very happy 4th of July. We hope you will have a fun, safe holiday.

Surviving a Renovation - How to Live Without a Kitchen

For many people considering a kitchen remodel, the biggest fear is living without a kitchen for a period of time. This temporary inconvenience can become stressful if you are not prepared. Here are some ways to cope while your kitchen undergoes renovation.

- When packing up your kitchen before the remodel, put your most frequently used items (such as your can opener) in a separate box. Make sure it is clearly labeled and easy to reach.
- If you can, move the refrigerator to another room. Another alternative is to purchase a mini-fridge for essentials.
- Set up a temporary "kitchen station" in another room. Include a toaster, microwave, coffeepot, and crock-pot.
- Rather than trying to wash your dishes in your bathroom sink, consider purchasing paper plates, plastic cups, and plastic utensils.
- If you have access to a freezer, prepare meals in advance. Also stock up on pre-prepared microwavable foods.
- During warm weather, you can also prepare meals outside on a grill.

Above all, the best way to survive a kitchen remodel is to hire a professional remodeler. That way you avoid surprises that can make your renovation last longer than it should. A professional remodeler should also be able to advise and assist you in setting up your temporary "kitchen station."

Home Maintenance Reminder

Change Furnace or HVAC Filters.

If filters are not changed often enough, they can become clogged. This forces your furnace or HVAC system to work harder and less efficiently to maintain airflow. In the long run, it can damage your equipment. Change or clean filters monthly or following the unit's instructions.

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