

## **Prepare for your Remodel**

We believe education about the processes involved reduces the shock of having the center of your home under construction and increases the overall satisfaction of the customer.

We will be cutting, routing and sanding wood, laminate, solid surface, and/or stone in your kitchen. This produces large amounts of noise, dust, and small particles of waste material. The glue used to fabricate laminate countertops, as well as the adhesive used to seam solid surface or stone countertops will have a very strong odor. Young children, expectant mothers, or individuals with respiratory problems should seek refuge as far away from the work area as possible. Opening windows for ventilation may be necessary. The smell clears quickly after the tops are complete; however, some people may find it unbearable during fabrication and/or installation.

M.S.D.S. sheets are available upon request.

Dust travels like steam. Anything in the immediate area of the kitchen will be covered with fine dust. It would be wise to drape elastic sheets over openings into adjacent rooms of your home. Dust control is available for an additional charge. If you elect to pay for the dust control provided by us, we will hang plastic over openings to the kitchen in an earnest attempt to keep the dust from spreading to other parts of the house. Installers always clean the work area after they have finished, but your house will not be as clean when we leave as it was when we arrived.

### **Things you should do before we arrive:**

- ✓ Clear everything off your countertops
- ✓ Remove sink and cooking appliances
- ✓ Empty dishwashers
- ✓ Remove small furniture (i.e. chairs, barstools)
- ✓ Remove drawers from lower cabinets
- ✓ Remove and/or cover everything in upper cabinets
- ✓ Remove everything in lower cabinets
- ✓ Remove anything in your lower cabinets that you do not want to wash
- ✓ Remove any pets and plants from the kitchen area
- ✓ Be prepared to turn off electricity in the kitchen, be careful with alarm systems
- ✓ Sharp objects and electrical tools make the work area dangerous for children
- ✓ If we are to install an under mount sink, we must have both the sink and the faucet on site at time of installation. Please note the sink will be mounted to the countertops but not reconnected to the pipes. You should schedule a plumber

### **Things you should note:**

- ✓ Installers will need a flat place to work outside, to cut and polish the sink and backsplash holes
- ✓ Install duration can take from 4 to 6 hours for laminate countertops, and from 8 to 12 hours (or more) for stone countertops

While having new countertops in your home is a wonderful experience, having your old countertops removed and new ones custom fabricated on site isn't. Taking these few steps will make it as pleasant as possible for everyone and shorten the time of fabrication/installation.

Thank you for your business.