

Unlock Your Basement's Potential

What should a basement remodel cost me?



BRONZE

BASIC REMODEL
\$35,000 - \$48,000



SILVER

MID-LEVEL REMODEL
\$50,000 - \$70,000



GOLD

HIGH-END REMODEL
\$70,000 & UP

BUDGET PLANNING GUIDE

Renovating a basement can feel overwhelming, especially when trying to understand the costs involved. With numerous options and variables, it's easy to get confused about what to expect. This guide is designed to simplify the process by outlining the factors that influence the cost of a basement remodel. Armed with this information, you'll be able to plan your project confidently and stay within your budget.



A basement is more than just extra space; it's an opportunity to create a versatile area that enhances your home's functionality and appeal. A well-designed basement can transform how you live and use your home, improve your daily living experience and also adds significant value to your property. Here's why renovating your basement is one of the best decisions you can make.

- **Maximize Space:** Transform your unused basement into a functional area, like an extra bedroom, office, or entertainment zone, without the need for an addition.
- **Increase Home Value:** A professionally finished basement adds significant value to your property, making it more attractive to future buyers.
- **Personalized Design:** Customize your basement to suit your lifestyle, whether it's a cozy home theater, a stylish wine cellar, or a guest suite.
- **Boost Energy Efficiency:** Improve insulation, moisture control, and incorporate energy-efficient solutions to lower energy costs and enhance comfort.
- **Private Guest Suite:** Create a comfortable, private space for visitors, perfect for long-term guests or extended family.
- **Versatile Functionality:** Use your basement as a playroom, home gym, or even a rental unit, adding versatility to your home.
- **Enhance Aesthetics:** Choose from a wide range of finishes, flooring, and lighting options to create a stylish and inviting space.
- **Safety and Compliance:** We ensure your remodel meets all local building codes, from egress windows to electrical and plumbing, for a safe, compliant space.
- **Entertainment Hub:** Design a dedicated area for movie nights, game days, or social gatherings, complete with custom features like a bar or game room.
- **Expert Guidance:** Our experienced team at MJF Home Upgrades ensures a seamless, stress-free remodeling process from start to finish.

Start Your Basement Transformation Today with MJF Home Upgrades!

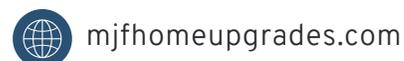
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Planning Considerations

At MJF Home Upgrades, we take pride in transforming basements into functional and beautiful spaces. When planning a basement renovation with us, here's what we consider to ensure your project meets your needs and exceeds your expectations:

- **Design with Purpose:** We begin by understanding your vision, whether it's a cozy living area, home office, or entertainment space. Our designs maximize every square foot, ensuring efficient and thoughtful use of space tailored to your lifestyle.
- **Establish the Budget:** We set a realistic budget that includes a contingency fund for unexpected issues. With full transparency, you'll always know where your money is going.
- **Moisture Control & Waterproofing:** We prioritize moisture control by implementing comprehensive waterproofing strategies, including sealing floors and walls. We also recommend and install dehumidifiers or integrate humidity control into your HVAC system.
- **Flooring and Finishes:** Choose from moisture-resistant flooring and finishes like luxury vinyl, ceramic tile, and treated wood. We offer a variety of options that reflect your style while being practical and durable.
- **Lighting:** Our tailored lighting solutions maximize natural light and create a brighter, more inviting atmosphere, suited to the space's intended use.

At MJF Home Upgrades, we handle every detail to deliver a basement that's functional, stylish, and built to last.



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BASIC REMODEL - \$35,000 - \$48,000



The Bronze Basic Remodel includes:

Based on a standard basement up to 800 sq./ft.

- Frame the perimeter of the basement with solid 2x4 framing, pressure-treated for ground contact.
- Include a laundry OR utility enclosure AND a closet under the stairs.
- Install up to 3 vinyl replacement hopper windows.
- Provide 2-1/2" door and window trim, with 3-1/4" baseboard throughout.
- Include 6-panel hollow core prehung doors.
- Use mold and moisture-resistant 1/2" sheetrock.
- Insulate all exterior walls with R-15 batt insulation per NY State Code.
- Prime and paint the space using Benjamin Moore paints.
- Install a steel fire door for the utility room, in compliance with NY State Code.
- Supply and install Luxury Vinyl Plank (LVP) flooring.
- Wrap, sheetrock, and paint up to 3 support columns.
- Pad the ceiling to bypass pipes and wires, preparing it for sheetrock installation.
- Provide access panels as needed.
- Include electrical work with 6 to 10 recessed 6" LED high-hat lights, 6 to 8 tamper-proof receptacles (including 1 elevated at the flat-screen location), and switches and finish plates.

Bronze Package Exclusions:

- Plumbing and HVAC systems are not included.

Please keep in mind that these are rough estimates to be utilized for reference during your budget planning phase, and the final cost will depend on your specific needs and choices. It's always a good idea to get multiple quotes from reputable contractors and to plan for a contingency budget to cover any unexpected expenses.



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MID-LEVEL REMODEL- \$50,000 – \$70,000



The Mid-Level Remodel includes:

Based on a standard basement up to 1,300 sq./ft.

- Frame the perimeter of the basement using solid 2x4 framing, pressure-treated for ground contact.
- Choose from enclosure options such as a laundry room, utility space, bedroom, home office, or storage closets.
- Install up to 5 vinyl replacement hopper windows.
- Provide 2-1/2" door and window trim with 3-1/4" baseboard throughout.
- Select from 6-panel, arch top, or single panel hollow core pre-hung doors.
- Install a steel fire door for the boiler enclosure per NY State Code, along with 5/8" fireboard for the enclosure walls.
- Use mold and mildew-resistant 1/2" sheetrock.
- Insulate with R-15 batt insulation in accordance with NY State Code.
- Offer options for sheetrock or drop ceilings.
- Prime and paint the basement with Benjamin Moore paints.
- Choose from flooring options such as Luxury Vinyl Planking or ceramic tile.
- Include access panels as needed.
- Create a 2-piece powder room (toilet and sink) with allowances for all bathroom finishes, including tile, grout, toilet, pedestal sink or vanity, faucet, mirror or medicine cabinet, and wall hardware. One GFI receptacle and one light fixture are included.
- Electrical
 - Install 10 to 16 recessed 6" LED high-hats.
 - Provide 8 to 12 tamper-proof receptacles, with one elevated at the flat-screen location.
 - Dimmer switches and finish plates are included.
- Plumbing
 - Install PEX piping with new shut-off valves.
 - Include an injector pump required for the bathroom installation.
 - Install up to 24 lineal feet of baseboard heat.

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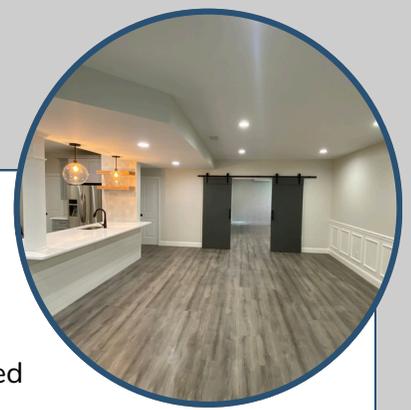
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HIGH-END REMODEL- \$70,000 & UP



The High-End Remodel includes:

Based on a standard basement up to 1,400+ sq./ft. Basements are fully customizable and can include, but are not limited to:

- Frame the perimeter of the basement with solid 2x4 framing, pressure-treated for ground contact.
- Choose from enclosure options such as utility closets, laundry rooms, storage closets, bedrooms, home offices, gyms, wine cellars, home theaters, or entertaining spaces.
- Install new vinyl hopper windows.
- Create a custom kitchenette with options ranging from stock to custom cabinetry, including sink, beverage/wine fridge, quartz or custom butcher block countertops, backsplash tile, stainless steel sink and faucet, GFI countertop receptacles, and under-cabinet lighting. Optional allowance included for all finishes.
- Build a full 3-piece bathroom with a vanity, wall or floor-mounted toilet, tub, prefab shower base or custom tiled base, radiant heat or electric floor warming mats, custom tile layouts, recessed shower wall niche (requires in-ground injector pump), Panasonic vent fan vented to the exterior, GFI receptacles, LED high-hats, wall sconces, lighted mirrors, and towel warmers. Optional allowance included for all finishes.
- Refinish basement stairs with sanding and staining, and install custom hardwood railings and balusters.
- Insulate with R-15 batt insulation as per NY State Code.
- Prime and paint using Benjamin Moore paints.
- Design and install custom gas or electric fireplaces, with or without custom built-ins.
- Add accent walls, decorative columns, wainscoting, and barn doors.
- Include sound-dampening insulation.
- Select any style of doors, hollow or solid core, with a steel fire door for the boiler enclosure as per NY State Code.
- Customize trim work, including any style of door and window casing, as well as base trim.
- Choose flooring options such as Luxury Vinyl Plank (LVP), ceramic tile, etc.
- Use mold and moisture-resistant ½” sheetrock, with 5/8” fireboard for the boiler enclosure.
- Electrical | Custom lighting available, including smart devices, square and round high-hats, HDMI/Cat6, media rooms, LED color-changing strip lighting, motion-activated lighting, and sub-panels.
- Plumbing |PEX piping, PVC drain lines, all new shut-off/isolation valves, mini-split units, humidifier systems, radiant and baseboard heat, wet bars, slop sinks, tankless water heaters.

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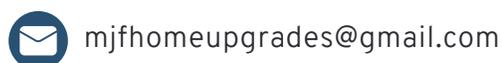
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We offer s a range of add-on options to further customize and enhance your basement .

- **Full Exterior Basement Entrance:** Includes excavation, cutting of the cement foundation, framing with pressure-treated materials, and installation of a 32"x80" fiberglass door. Features a fully poured cement staircase with an overflow drain, PVC railing, aluminum handrail, and an exterior light fixture. The door is sealed and trimmed with weather-resistant PVC. Site cleanup and debris removal are included. **Starting at \$14,000.**
- **Egress Window Installation:** Includes installation of a 27"x45" egress-approved casement window with an inward swing, along with excavation and cutting of the cement foundation. Features the "Wellcraft" egress system with a clear cover that supports up to 500 lbs, river rock drainage, and PVC trim sealed for weather protection. Site cleanup and debris removal are included. **Starting at \$6,435.**
- **Accent Walls and Ceilings:** Choose from shiplap, wainscoting, tile/stone, or wood for accent walls and ceilings. Custom designs are available, including tray and vaulted ceilings and decorative beams. **Priced per design.**
- **Waterproofing:** Protect your basement with Drylock waterproofing for cement foundation walls. This includes wire brushing to remove dirt, efflorescence, and loose debris. **Priced per square foot.**
- **Self-Leveling:** Ensure a smooth, level surface in preparation for various flooring applications, door and casing installations, and furniture placement. **Priced per square foot.**
- **Mini Split Units:** Meet all your HVAC needs with a new "Fujitsu" mini-split unit, providing both heating and cooling. **Prices starting at \$5,500**

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Transform Your Oasis

Remodeling your basement can significantly increase your home's livable space, adding value and versatility. It's an opportunity to create a customized area and can make your home more attractive to future buyers, offering a strong return on investment. These ideas will help you transform your basement into a personalized, multifunctional space that enhances your home's value and usability.

- **Home Theater:** Transform your basement into a cozy space for movie nights by adding comfortable seating, a large screen or projector, surround sound, and dimmable lighting to create a cinema experience.
- **Office Space:** Design a quiet and productive workspace with built-in desks, ample storage, ergonomic furniture, plenty of lighting, and strong internet connectivity.
- **Guest Suite:** Convert your basement into a welcoming guest suite with a bedroom, bathroom, and small living area, providing privacy for visitors and enhancing your home's functionality.
- **Game Room:** Set up a fun game room with a pool table, foosball, arcade games, and a mini-bar—perfect for entertaining friends and family.
- **Home Gym:** Create a fitness area with rubber flooring, mirrors, space for equipment like treadmills and yoga mats, and add a TV or sound system to enhance your workouts.
- **Wine Cellar:** Install a temperature-controlled wine cellar with custom racks, and add a tasting area with a bar and seating for an elegant entertaining space.
- **Kids Playroom:** Design a vibrant kids' playroom with durable, easy-to-clean flooring, plenty of storage for toys, and safety features like soft corners and non-toxic materials.
- **Apartment:** Convert your basement into a rental unit or in-law suite with a bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, and living area, providing extra income or a private space for family members.
- **Entertaining Space:** Create a stylish bar area with seating, a countertop, a beverage fridge, and features like a kegerator, wine cooler, and built-in shelves for glassware.
- **Reading Nook:** Build a quiet retreat with built-in bookshelves, comfortable seating, and cozy lighting—a perfect space for reading or relaxing.
- **Laundry Area:** Upgrade your laundry area into a functional and stylish space with ample storage, counter space for folding, and energy-efficient appliances.
- **Music/Podcast Studio:** Soundproof your basement and set up a music/podcast studio with space for instruments, recording equipment, and sound mixing—a perfect retreat for musicians and producers.

Our Planning Process

At MJF Home Upgrades, we believe that every basement renovation project should begin with a solid plan. That's why we take a personalized approach to each renovation, working closely with you to understand your vision, preferences, and budget. Our goal is to bring your dream kitchen to life while ensuring a smooth and stress-free renovation experience.

In-Home Consultation

We start by scheduling a consultation to discuss your ideas, priorities, goals, and budget. During this meeting, we'll also assess your current basement space and discuss any structural or design considerations.

Design Phase

Once we have a clear understanding of your needs and preferences, our team will create a custom design plan tailored to your specifications. We'll work with you to refine the design until it perfectly reflects your vision for your new basement.

Material Selection

We'll help you choose quality materials, finishes, and fixtures that not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of your kitchen but also align with your budget and lifestyle.

Construction

With the design and materials finalized, our skilled craftsmen will begin the construction phase of your renovation project. We'll work efficiently and diligently to minimize disruption to your daily routine while delivering exceptional results.



Thank You!

Thank you for downloading our basement remodel budgeting guide, one of our basement experts will reach out to help answer any questions you may have and help you set up a free in-home estimate appointment.



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