

Bathroom Remodel Checklist

Small room, dense debris — the plan for tile, tubs, and mortar bed without weight surprises. ·
Recommended size: 15 yard

Planning timeline

1 week out: Book a 15-yard for demo morning

Demo day AM: Fixtures out: toilet, vanity, mirrors

Demo day PM: Tile and mortar down — load it level on the can floor

Day 2: Walls, cement board, and the tub last

Wrap: Call for pickup; done in a weekend

Safety reminders

- Kill water at the shutoffs and cap the lines before swinging anything
- Safety glasses for tile demo — shards fly
- Cast iron tubs: dolly it whole or blanket-and-sledge it in place
- Ventilate — old thinset dust is nasty

Dumpster sizing

A full gut of a standard bath fills half to two-thirds of a 15-yard. Two bathrooms or bath-plus-hallway flooring steps up to a 20.

Tips from the pros

- Spread tile and mortar level — never mound dense debris
- A mud-set tile floor can approach the weight allowance alone; mention it at booking
- Break the tub only if you can't dolly it — the rear doors usually win
- Load as you demo instead of staging piles

Recycling suggestions

- Working fixtures and vanities: restore stores take them
- Metal tubs and copper lines: scrap value — metal loads dump free
- Unused tile boxes: sell or donate, don't haul

Common mistakes to avoid

- Underestimating tile weight and blowing the allowance
- Tossing the old water heater without draining it
- Mounding debris above the fill line
- Renting a 20 for one small bath — the 15 owns this job

Project notes
