

FREE BATHROOM RENOVATION GUIDE

The Bathroom Reno Electrical Checklist

7 things to decide before your walls close up



Once the linings go up and the tiles go on, changing your mind about power, heating and lighting gets **expensive, fast**. Work through this checklist with your builder or designer early, tick off each decision, and your new bathroom comes together first time. No surprises, no chasing cables through freshly tiled walls.



1 Heating

Keep it cosy, dry and mould free

- ☐ Heated towel rail: where it goes, what size, and hardwired on a timer?
- ☐ Underfloor heating: yes or no? It goes down before the tiles and needs its own circuit and thermostat
- ☐ Ceiling heater or heat lamp for those frosty winter mornings

Tip: A towel rail on a timer costs far less to run than one left on 24/7.

2 Ventilation

Your best defence against mould

- ☐ Extractor fan ducted to the outside, not just into the ceiling space
- ☐ Sized to suit your room and placed near the shower
- ☐ Run-on timer or humidity sensor so it keeps working after you leave

Tip: Wellington damp is no joke. The right fan protects your paint, grout and ceilings.

3 Lighting

More than one light in the middle of the ceiling

- ☐ Ceiling lights rated for bathroom use
- ☐ Task lighting at the vanity for shaving and make-up
- ☐ Feature lighting: shower niche, under-vanity strip or mood lighting
- ☐ A dimmer or soft night light for those 2am visits

4 Mirror & vanity power

Plan it now, not after the vanity's in

- ☐ LED or demister mirror: power needs to be behind the mirror
- ☐ Shaver or electric toothbrush outlet
- ☐ A safely placed power point for the hair dryer or straightener
- ☐ Charging points inside a mirror cabinet

5 Wet zones

What can go where

- ☐ Areas around the shower and bath have strict rules for switches, sockets and lights
- ☐ Fittings need the right water protection (IP) rating for their zone
- ☐ Share your layout early so clashes get sorted before the plumbing's fixed

Good to know: This is exactly why bathroom electrical is never a DIY job.

6 Switches & controls

Convenience you'll use every single day

- ☐ Switches inside or outside the door?
- ☐ Separate switches, or combined fan, light and heat controls
- ☐ Timers, humidity sensors or smart controls
- ☐ Switch heights that work for the whole family

7 Timing & paperwork

Get the order right and everything else falls into place

- ☐ Book your electrician **before** demolition day
- ☐ Rough-in: cables and boxes go in before the linings
- ☐ Fit-off: fittings go on after tiling and painting
- ☐ Get your Certificate of Compliance (CoC) when the job's done, and keep it for insurance and resale

Where the sparky fits in (the orange steps are where Shane comes in)



My bathroom notes

Put the drill down, mate. **Leave the wiring to the pros!**



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Book your free **pre-reno** electrical walkthrough

Shane will look over your plans, talk through your options and give you a clear picture of what's needed before a single tile comes off. No pressure, just good advice from a local registered electrician.

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