

# Checklist for New Home Construction



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Here are some things that you will need to consider prior to the construction of your new home. We've tried to post many great ideas on our website: [www.cetwinskiconstruction.com](http://www.cetwinskiconstruction.com). You can also link to our Facebook page from our website. We try to keep all of our current projects on Facebook.

• *Make sure that when you are receiving bids from several contractors that you compare all of the details on the estimates. Some items might be included on one bid and not another. We try to be very specific about what we include and we don't want you to be "surprised" at the end of the construction!*

- Do you have the blueprints of your home?
- What are the specifications of the lot you intend to build on? (dimensions, the layout of your home, property lines)
- Will you have to get a septic system installed? Do you need a well? You will need permits for those.
- Permits (Will you provide them or do you want Cetwinski Construction to handle all of them?)
- What size home do you want to build? What will the square footage be?
- Do you desire a ranch style home or a multi-level?
- Do you want a walk-out basement? What size ceiling height do you prefer? **\*\*We usually bid 9 foot ceilings\*\***
- You will need to start your hookups on the property. These include: power, gas, water, sewer, phone, cable, internet.

- **Do you have any specific sub-contractors for any job? Some examples include: Plumbing, Heating and A/C (Grasser's), Excavation and Foundation (Durdan and Nagel) If you don't specify, we will get bids from the subs that we use.**
- **Do you want your bid to include prices for landscaping and/or concrete driveway and sidewalks?**
- **Do you intend to do any of the work on the home yourself?**
- **What local lumber yard do you prefer? We prefer Maze Lumber and that is who we will use if you do not specify.**
- **Research the fireplace. Do you want gas or log burning? What material would you like to use for the hearth and/or mantel?**
- **Research your flooring. You will get a flooring allowance. This allowance is for material and labor on the flooring. We do not include flooring labor in our overall labor price.**
- **Start looking at kitchen cabinets and countertops. You will need to pay close attention to the cabinet and countertop allowance on your sworn statement. Remember anything more than the allowance amount is an extra cost to you.**
- **Do you want an island or peninsula for seating in the kitchen?**
- **Would you like a bar or a built in hutch?**
- **Do you want any glass in your cabinets?**
- **Also research bathroom cabinets and countertops. It is a good idea to visit showrooms and price bathtubs, showers and faucets.**
- **You will need to pick out cabinet hardware.**
- **You will need all of your lighting fixtures.**
- **You will need your door handles.**
- **Do you want nickel, brushed nickel, gold, bronze, black or cream for faucets, etc.?**

- **Begin to research appliances. What color would you like?(Stainless steel, white, black, ivory)**
- **Do you want a built in oven and separate stovetop or a standard stove?**
- **How large would you like your sink to be?**
- **Visit Patty or Judy at Maze Lumber and they can show you lots of color choices for all of your kitchen needs.**
- **Does the house have a good flow? Is it set up how you can picture it? Matt is good at helping you visualize this.**
- **Do you want any arched doorways or tray ceilings?**
- **Do you want to finish the basement at all?**
- **Also, begin thinking about the exterior of the home. What kind of siding would you like? Do you want any stone or brick work? Do you want a patio, deck or sunroom?**

**\*\*\*\*Most importantly, try to have fun! This can be a very exciting endeavor for you and/or your family! We would love to help make it easier to build in any way that we can!!\*\*\*\***