



Renovation Contract Checklist

Typically, home retrofit contractors will provide you with a contract. Read it thoroughly. You may also want to have it reviewed by a lawyer to make sure it protects you and your property. Here are our suggestions on what a contract should include to help protect both the homeowner and the contractor.

This is not an exhaustive list and should be used only as an informational resource. This list is NOT meant to be used as a substitute for a legal document or advice.



Names of the parties entering the contract, clearly stated.		Workers' Compensation Coverage
Your name (the Owner, Requestor, or Contractee)		Terms of Payment
Contractor's name		Payment Schedule
Contractor's company name Contact info, for both parties:		Allowances (lump sum for, example, flooring and fixtures)
Street addresses		Line for the legislated "holdback" percentage per each payment, as
E-mail addresses	required by respectiv	required by respective province.
Personal phone numbers		Description of the Work
Business phone numbers		What "the Work" entails
Fax numbers (if applicable)		What "the Work" doesn't involve
Contractor's business number or GST/HST number issued by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)		Line on agreements regarding Work Changes during work period.
Insurance		Line stating, unless otherwise stated, that the Contractor
Commercial General Liability Insurance		agrees to supply all materials, labour, and supervision to perform "the Work".

Date when the Work is set to commence.	☐ Electrical permit
	☐ Plumbing permit
☐ Dates for any Work milestones.	☐ Standards of Work
Date when Work is set to be complete.	 Outline what work-related standards are expected.
$\hfill \square$ Attach Work Schedule, if applicable.	•
☐ Subtrades	☐ Inspections
 List company, names and services of all subcontractors that will undertake work. 	State whether the Contractor or Contractee will contact appropriate bodies for inspecting completed work.
Line that states the lack of	☐ Warranties
contractual relationship between Contractee and subtrades. Contractor is responsible for subcontractors.	Outline agreement on Contractor's quality of work and
☐ Washroom & Utilities Use	 If applicable, addenda referenced by or attached to contract:
 Outline agreements around workers using facilities on the property. 	☐ Blueprints, plans, drawings
☐ Permits	 Specifications for equipment or other
☐ State whether the Contractor or Contractee is responsible for obtaining permits. Usually, it is the property owner's responsibility to do so. It's important that the homeowner keep these permits for their personal records.	Relevant additional contracts, amendments, and/or Work Change Order formsNon-exclusivity Clause
☐ If applicable:	☐ Conflict Resolution
☐ Zoning Variance permit	☐ Default Protections
	☐ Signatures by both parties
☐ Demolition permit	
☐ Building permit	