Bath Remodeler Photo Checklist

Bathroom remodels involve waterproofing, plumbing rough-ins, tile substrates, and fixture installations that all disappear behind finished surfaces. When a homeowner disputes water damage, a leak surfaces months later, or an inspector asks about the shower pan, the question is always the same: **can you prove the waterproofing was done right, the drain was set correctly, and the substrate was installed to spec?** This guide gives your crew the exact shots to capture on every bath remodel.

THE 7 PHASES
Document Every Phase, Protect Every Job

PHASE
01 Pre-Demo Site Assessment

- ☐ Existing bathroom — wide shot all walls
- ☐ Subfloor condition before tile removal
- ☐ Homeowner pre-existing damage noted
- ☐ Existing plumbing fixture locations
- ☐ Wall condition behind existing tile
- ☐ Shutoff valve location documented
- ☐ Water damage or mold before demo
- ☐ Permit & approved plans on-site
- ☐ Ventilation fan condition noted

PHASE
02 Demolition

- ☐ Demo scope — wide shot before start
- ☐ Mold or rot found — documented pre-remediation
- ☐ Debris removal — dumpster or haul-away
- ☐ Existing tile removed — substrate exposed
- ☐ Plumbing rough-in exposed & labeled
- ☐ Protected adjacent areas documented
- ☐ Subfloor damage discovered during demo
- ☐ Electrical in walls — existing condition
- ☐ Post-demo clean substrate — wide shot

PHASE
03 Plumbing & Drain Rough-In

- ☐ Drain set to finished floor height
- ☐ Pressure test on new supply lines
- ☐ Vent pipe rough-in confirmed
- ☐ Shower drain type & model photographed
- ☐ Tub or shower valve rough-in depth
- ☐ Access panel location documented
- ☐ Supply line rough-in heights & locations
- ☐ Toilet flange height above subfloor
- ☐ All rough-in before walls close

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PHASE
04 Waterproofing & Substrate

☐ Cement board type & thickness labeled ☐ Cement board fastener spacing ☐ Cement board seams — tape & thinset

☐ Shower pan liner type & thickness ☐ Liner folded & clamped at drain ☐ Liner flood test — 24-hour hold photo

☐ Liquid waterproofing membrane applied ☐ Membrane at all corners & transitions ☐ Waterproofing at curb & threshold

PHASE
05 Tile & Flooring Installation

☐ Layout lines snapped — wide shot ☐ Thinset type & back-coverage on tile ☐ Tile size, pattern & grout joint width

☐ Slope to drain — min 1/4" per foot ☐ Niche framing & waterproofing ☐ Schluter or transition strip at entry

☐ Floor tile installed — wide shot ☐ Wall tile — plumb & level confirmed ☐ Grout type & color documented

PHASE
06 Fixture & Finish Installation

☐ Toilet set — wax ring & bolt caps ☐ Vanity mounting — level & secured ☐ Sink & faucet installed

☐ Shower valve trim & handle installed ☐ Shower door / enclosure — plumb & level ☐ Towel bars — blocking confirmed

☐ Mirror & light fixture mounting ☐ Exhaust fan installation & venting ☐ Caulk at all tub & tile transitions

PHASE
07 Final Inspection & Closeout

☐ Permit card & inspection sticker ☐ Inspector approval documented ☐ Water test — all fixtures running

☐ No leaks under vanity or at toilet ☐ Grout sealed — product used noted ☐ Final wide shot — all walls complete

☐ Client walkthrough documented ☐ Touch-up paint or caulk complete ☐ Warranty documents photographed

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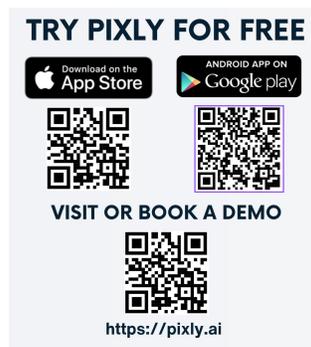
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HOW TO USE THIS IN THE FIELD

Turn This Checklist Into Your Daily Workflow

01 **Document the Liner Flood Test Before Tile Goes In**
A 24-hour flood test of the shower pan liner is your best protection against future leak disputes. Photograph the water level at the start and end of the test with a timestamp.

02 **Capture All Waterproofing Before Tile Covers It**
Membrane, corner treatment, and drain clamping disappear behind tile forever. These shots are the only proof that waterproofing was done to spec — not skipped.

03 **Document Every Discovery During Demo**
Mold, rot, and water damage found during demolition protects you from being blamed for pre-existing conditions. Capture it immediately before any remediation begins.

04 **Wide Shot Before and After Every Phase**
A before-and-after pair at demo, rough-in, substrate, and finish shows exactly what you inherited and what you delivered — protecting you from cost disputes and callback claims.

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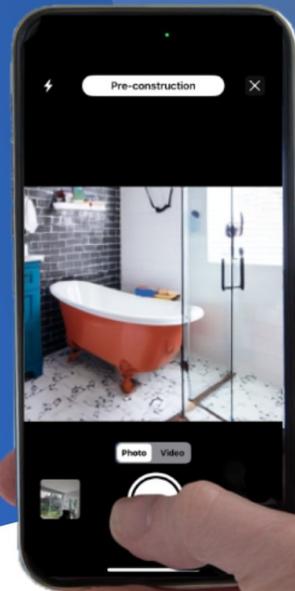
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