

Commercial Countertop Installation Planning Checklist

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Pre-Installation Requirements

- Confirm project timeline and unit count
 - Small projects (10-20 units): 1-2 weeks
 - Medium projects (50-100 units): 2-4 weeks
 - Large projects (100+ units): 4-8 weeks
- Verify casework/cabinetry installation is complete
- Ensure electrical and plumbing rough-ins are finished
- Confirm wall finishes are complete (paint, tile, etc.)
- Schedule field measurements after casework installation
- Coordinate access to all units with property management
- Verify delivery access and staging area availability
- Confirm elevator or loading dock access if applicable

Tip: Field measurements should be scheduled immediately after casework installation to ensure optimal fit and minimize delays.

Material Selection

- Review material options (Granite, Quartz, Marble, Porcelain)
- Consider durability requirements for high-traffic areas
- Evaluate maintenance requirements
- Compare cost vs. performance for your budget
- Select edge profiles (straight, beveled, bullnose, ogee)
- Choose finish type (polished, honed, leathered)
- Confirm material availability and lead times
- Request material samples for approval

Timeline Planning

- Week 1: Casework installation and field measurements
- Week 2-3: Countertop fabrication (varies by project size)
- Week 3-4: Finish trim carpentry installation
- Week 4-5: Countertop installation
- Final: Quality inspection and walkthrough

Note: Actual timelines vary based on project size, material availability, and coordination with other trades. Always build in buffer time for unexpected delays.

Budget Planning

- Material costs (typically \$50-120/sq ft depending on material)
- Fabrication costs
- Installation labor
- Sink fixtures and cutouts
- Edge profiles and finishes
- Delivery and staging
- Permits and inspections (if required)
- Waste disposal
- Contingency (10-15% recommended)

Questions to Ask Your Contractor

- What is your experience with projects of this size?
- Can you provide references from similar projects?
- What is your typical timeline for [X] units?
- How do you handle coordination with other trades?
- What warranty do you provide on workmanship?
- Do you handle permits and inspections?
- What is your process for quality control?
- How do you handle change orders?
- What payment schedule do you require?
- Are you licensed and insured?

Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Not scheduling measurements early enough
 - Choosing materials without considering maintenance
 - Underestimating timeline requirements
 - Not coordinating with other trades
 - Selecting contractor based solely on lowest price
 - Not reviewing contractor's portfolio and references
 - Failing to account for waste and breakage in budget
 - Not having a clear change order process
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This checklist is provided as a general guide. Actual requirements may vary by project. Contact us for a detailed consultation.