

## MATERIAL COST GUIDE

Typical installed cost ranges for common residential materials and systems. Use these as a planning reference — actual costs vary by region, supplier, and project scope.

### FLOORING (PER SF INSTALLED)

MATERIAL	COST / SF
Carpet	\$3–\$8
Laminate	\$4–\$10
Engineered hardwood	\$8–\$15
Solid hardwood	\$12–\$25
Tile (porcelain)	\$10–\$20
Natural stone	\$20–\$50+

### COUNTERTOPS (PER SF INSTALLED)

MATERIAL	COST / SF
Laminate	\$20–\$50
Butcher block	\$40–\$100
Quartz	\$75–\$150
Granite	\$80–\$175
Marble	\$125–\$250+

### EXTERIOR SIDING (PER SF INSTALLED)

MATERIAL	COST / SF
Vinyl	\$3–\$8
Fiber cement	\$6–\$12
Wood	\$8–\$20
Brick / stone veneer	\$15–\$35
Natural stone	\$35–\$75+

### SYSTEMS UPGRADES

SYSTEM	PREMIUM
Radiant floor heating	Add \$10–\$20/sf over forced air
Geothermal HVAC	\$20k–\$50k+ premium
Whole-house generator	\$10k–\$30k installed
Solar PV system	\$15k–\$40k (before incentives)

### BUDGET TIPS

#### Splurge Where It Counts

Invest in high-impact areas you see and touch every day — kitchen, master bath, entry. Economize on background spaces like secondary bedrooms and utility areas.

#### Material Grades Matter

Within any category, there are budget, mid-range, and premium options. A mid-range quartz countertop can look as good as marble at half the cost.

#### Installation Adds Up

Material cost is only part of the picture. Complex patterns, specialty cuts, and difficult substrates can double installation labor.