

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.