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HOME IMPROVEMENT
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A CLEARER PLACE TO BEGIN

Home Project Planning Guide

7 decisions to clarify before comparing proposals

Turn your ideas into a clearer starting point for your next home improvement.

Outdoor Living & Landscaping

Pools & Spas

Blinds, Shades & Shutters

Water Softeners & Filtration

SEVEN DECISIONS / FOUR SERVICE CHECKLISTS / YOUR PROJECT BRIEF

Southern Utah

DECISIONS 1-3 / PRIORITIES AND LAYOUT

Start with the way you want to live

A useful plan starts with what you want to improve. Use these prompts for a single upgrade or a larger home project. You do not need every answer before the first conversation.

01 / What should be better day to day?

Name the result you want: room to gather outside, more control over light and privacy, a place to swim and relax, or a water system suited to your household. Then choose the two priorities that matter most. Judge ideas by how they serve daily life.

Main goal / Second priority / Who will use it

02 / What belongs in the first phase?

Separate essential work from features you might add later. Discuss the larger plan even if you are considering a smaller first phase. Ask which decisions about access, utilities, or the order of work need to be considered together.

Include now / Consider later / Keep or reuse

03 / How does it fit your existing home?

Mark the area you want to change on a rough sketch. Note nearby doors, windows, paths, equipment, and existing features. Describe access and how you use the space today. A simple drawing helps explain connections that are hard to describe in a message.

Project location / Nearby features / Access questions

DECISIONS 4-5 / SITE QUESTIONS AND MATERIALS

Gather the information that matters

Bring what you know, then make the unknowns visible. A useful question is more valuable than an assumption that becomes part of the plan.

04 / What information is still missing?

Take clear photos from several angles and gather property information you already have. List questions about existing conditions rather than guessing the answers. Ask what needs measurement, site review, qualified design, or other evaluation before a proposal can be prepared.

Information available / Questions for the site review

05 / How will you compare options?

A sample or product description is a useful starting point. Also ask about appearance, intended use, maintenance, ongoing costs, and compatibility with your home. Explain what matters most so the conversation goes beyond a photo or a feature list.

Options to compare / Care and cost questions / Information to request

Bring a small project folder

- ☐ Photos of the area from several angles
- ☐ Approximate dimensions, clearly marked as approximate
- ☐ A rough sketch and a few reference images
- ☐ Property information you already have
- ☐ A short list of unanswered questions

DECISIONS 6-7 / PROPOSALS AND COMMUNICATION

Understand the scope before choosing

The total price is one part of a proposal. The work, assumptions, responsibilities, and next decisions help you understand what that price means.

06 / What does the proposal include?

Compare the described work as well as the total. Ask what preparation, removal, materials, cleanup, and related work are included. Ask which items are excluded or depend on additional information. Clarify anything you cannot compare directly between proposals.

Scope questions / Exclusions / Assumptions to confirm

07 / What happens when something changes?

Ask who will keep you informed and how changes will be discussed and documented. Clarify what must happen before work is scheduled, who owns the next decision, and what information you need. If timing matters, explain why and ask what can be confirmed at this stage.

Main contact / Next decision / Timing questions

A useful question to ask

"Can you walk me through what is included, what is excluded, and what still needs to be confirmed?"

Clear questions help you understand your choices. Use the service checklists on the next two pages to prepare for the project you have in mind.

SERVICE CHECKLISTS / 1 OF 2

Prepare for your project conversation

Choose the checklist that matches your project. If several features connect, use more than one. Check each item when you have information or a question ready to discuss.

Outdoor Living & Landscaping

- ☐ Main activities and who will use the outdoor space
- ☐ Features to include now, keep, or consider later
- ☐ Approximate dimensions, furniture, and walking routes
- ☐ Sun exposure, drainage, and site access questions
- ☐ Materials, samples, and care expectations to compare
- ☐ Preparation, removal, utilities, and cleanup in the scope

Blinds, Shades & Shutters

- ☐ Rooms and windows you want to improve
- ☐ Priorities for privacy, light control, and appearance
- ☐ Photos and approximate sizes for the first conversation
- ☐ Material samples and operating options to compare
- ☐ Power or control requirements for motorized options
- ☐ Final measurement, installation, care, and warranty questions

SERVICE CHECKLISTS / 2 OF 2

Connect the details to the larger plan

Use these prompts to prepare questions. They do not replace a site review, product information, or qualified project design. Scope and service availability are confirmed for each project.

Pools & Spas

- ☐ Main uses, preferred features, and who will use the area
- ☐ Location ideas, access, and connections to outdoor areas
- ☐ Site, utilities, safety, and approval questions for review
- ☐ Equipment, upkeep, and operating costs to understand
- ☐ Work included, exclusions, and scheduling dependencies
- ☐ Responsible installation partner and proposed scope

Water Softeners & Filtration

- ☐ What you want to understand or improve about your water
- ☐ Water source and any available test results or system details
- ☐ Household use and existing equipment to discuss
- ☐ Qualified assessment needed before selecting equipment
- ☐ System purpose, limitations, upkeep, and recurring costs
- ☐ Installation needs, responsible installer, and warranty terms

A STARTING BRIEF TO SAVE AND SHARE

Your project, on one page

Print this page or use these prompts in a note on your phone. A few clear answers can make your next conversation more useful.

Project location and ZIP code

Services or features I am considering

The result I want most

What I want to keep

What I want to change

Photos, dimensions, or property information I have

Budget preferences or options I want to compare

Desired timing and why it matters

Other people involved in the decision

My most important unanswered question

Ready to talk through your ideas?

Share your starting brief with RISE. Tell us where the project is, which improvements you are considering, and the result that matters most. We can discuss your priorities and an appropriate next step.

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