



Schooner Bay Builders Releases Guide on Cost Estimates for Kitchen Remodeling in Humid Climates

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Schooner Bay Builders has published a consumer-education guide detailing why national kitchen remodeling figures fail to reflect actual pricing in Southwest Florida. According to the guide, local kitchen remodels typically run from \$15,000 to \$60,000, while the frequently cited national figure of roughly \$27,000 rarely applies. Humidity-rated materials, Lee and Collier County permit fees, and coastal-grade finishes all shift the total beyond what averages from other regions suggest.

The guide centers on a regional reality that national benchmarks overlook: year-round humidity places demands on building materials that drier climates never encounter. Particleboard cabinets, common in lower-priced installations, tend to swell and misalign under constant moisture exposure. Moisture-rated construction, by contrast, holds its shape over time. Because cabinetry typically represents the largest single line item in a kitchen remodel, the choice of material affects the overall budget more at that stage than at any other.

The guide also addresses conditions that remain out of sight until work begins. Demolition can reveal aging plumbing, outdated wiring, and water damage hidden behind walls. These discoveries are among the factors that make accurate cost estimates for kitchen remodeling in the region difficult to pin to a single national number, and they underscore why local benchmarks carry more weight than broad averages.

Abby, a kitchen designer with the company, addressed how climate shapes material decisions. "Humidity is the factor homeowners rarely account for when they start pricing a project," she said. "Particleboard looks fine on day one, but after a few seasons of Southwest Florida moisture, doors stop closing evenly and seams begin to separate. Moisture-rated construction is built to stay true, and that difference shows up in both performance and cost."

To help homeowners plan with realistic expectations, the guide closes with practical budgeting advice. It recommends relying on local benchmarks rather than national averages, allowing time in the schedule for permitting, and setting aside a contingency fund to absorb conditions uncovered during demolition. The complete remodeling cost guide is available on the company's website.

The guide frames a kitchen remodel as a significant decision for Southwest Florida homeowners and encourages an informed approach that weighs materials, scope, timeline, and design complexity against the regional factors that influence each.

Schooner Bay Builders is based in Cape Coral, Florida, and handles kitchen and bath remodeling as well as new home construction. The company draws on more than 25 years of experience working alongside builders throughout Fort Myers, Naples, Estero, and Bonita Springs, applying knowledge of regional building conditions to projects across Southwest Florida.

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Schooner Bay Builders is a Cape Coral, FL builder specializing in kitchen remodeling, bath remodeling, and new home construction across Southwest Florida, with a focus on trusted service, upgraded features, and lasting value.

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