

# PREPARING FOR A KITCHEN RENOVATION

## GET YOUR KITCHEN READY:

- Confirm with your contractor the estimated timeline for the renovation. Confirm the start date again 1-2 days before to be sure that they are on schedule. Have your kitchen completely empty and ready for them on that day.
- Remove all pictures, mirrors, curtains, and any furnishings from your kitchen, AND any walls shared with your kitchen, to prevent them from falling, breaking, or being damaged.
- Empty ALL your kitchen cabinets and check top shelves for items you may not be able to see easily. Wrap and pack up items and label your boxes for ease of unpacking later.
- Move your refrigerator to another location in your home or to your garage, or purchase a mini-refrigerator to use during the renovation.
- If you have an open floor plan or furnishings that are near your kitchen, cover them with a protective plastic sheet to prevent potential damages. Depending on your type of floor, you may also consider covering walkways with protective plastic also.
- When moving furniture and boxes from your kitchen, store them in an area that is out of the way of the construction zone and the paths to and from that area from outside.

## TIPS FOR YOUR FAMILY:

- Set up “kitchen central” in another location that is out of the way of the construction zone. Your coffee pot, microwave, griddle, crock pot, and toaster oven will help you get through meal times with less stress since you won’t have access to your stovetop or your oven during the renovation. Keep out only your kitchen essentials and pack up the rest! Have a clean cooler or storage bin ready to fill with soapy water for washing dishes outside or in your bathtub.
- Stock up on paper products. These will be much more convenient during the renovation period. The less to wash, the better!
- Cook and freeze some meals ahead of time to be prepared in the microwave or crock pot.
- If needed, relocate your pet’s food and water bowls at least ten days before work begins so he/she won’t become stressed or confused during the process. **During work days, pets should be confined to a crate or another room with a closed door to prevent injury or escape!**
- Bring on the snacks! When your kids are “starving”, but you just can’t face meal prep in your temporary digs, some noodle cups, peanut butter sandwiches, or cheese and crackers can go a long way.
- Make your guest bath easily accessible for workers and easy to clean. Move your rugs and replace decorative towels and pretty dispensers with paper towels and a bottle of hand soap!