

HOW TO SURVIVE WITHOUT YOUR KITCHEN DURING A REMODEL

Before packing everything up for the kitchen remodel, set up a temporary kitchen in another area of your home. It would be ideal to be near a sink since you will most likely be without water in the kitchen for a time. Stock up on disposable plates and cups, paper towels and a disinfectant cleaner.

Set up a table as your prep counter and move in small appliances such as the microwave, toaster or toaster oven, small electric grill, and coffee pot. If possible move in your old refrigerator or a small mini-fridge.

Keep essential items handy and organize into bins: microwave dishes and utensils, can opener, dishcloths and soap, paper towels, paper plates and napkins. Place a trash can and garbage bags under the table. Have a supply of dry foods like cereal, granola bars, bread, microwave popcorn, tuna and soups.

Don't forget the pets, set up a space for their food and water too.

Stock the refrigerator with easy to make items like sandwich and salad fixings, milk for cereal, fresh fruit, and foods you can grill and microwave. If you will still have a freezer make some big meals and freeze them in smaller portions, this way you can defrost and reheat in the microwave.

Also take advantage of your barbeque grill; you can even use your pots and pans. If you're worried about putting your cookware on the grill, rub bar soap on the bottom and sides of your pots and the black soot from the grill will easily wash off.

Have a picnic, even if you have bad weather spread out a plastic tablecloth on the floor of your living room or den. The best thing about indoor picnics: no ants.

Of course eating out is always an option. Start clipping coupons for take-out and your favorite restaurants. It never hurts to save a few dollars that you can spend on your project.

Remember to keep the end result in mind and repeat often: This will be worth it when all said and done; I will have my dream kitchen and miss all the fun.