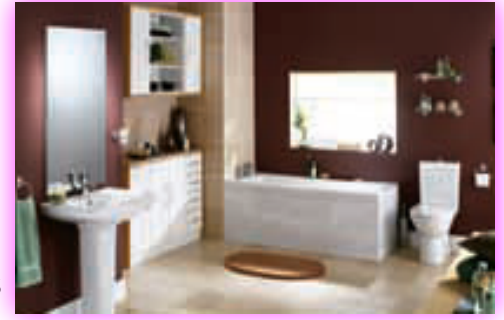


WOODYS WAREHOUSE HOME GUIDE

Fitting a new bathroom

Deciding to install a new bathroom is a great opportunity not only to replace old with new but also to rethink the space completely.

Most homeowners only replace their bathroom suite every six to ten years, so the chances are that everything you have in your current bathroom is a fairly old design. In the past five years there has been a real revolution in bathroom design. New slim-line WCs and wash-stands, fabulous slim-line towel rail radiators and integrated baths with their own power-shower units mean you may be able to put more into your new bathroom than you think.



Be prepared for the mess. A new bathroom means removing the old suite and also taking off old tiles and, often, the flooring as well – all of which means dirt and dust travelling throughout the house. Cover all flooring close to the bathroom with dust sheets to protect your flooring and carpets.

Old suites

Check with your builder about the disposal of your old bathroom suite. He may be happy to take it to an official recycling site or have ordered a skip, which will be fine. But check he has allowed for its removal otherwise you could be left with the problem of disposing of the old suite yourself.

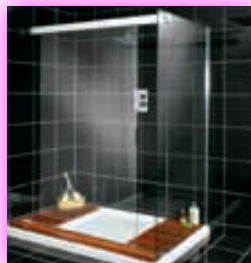
If you don't have a second WC, leave a few buckets of water close by so you can fill up the cistern by hand and then flush!



Putting in a new bathroom will mean, at some point or other, your mains water supply will need to be turned off. Check when this is likely to happen and make sure you run off enough water to cope with cooking and making drinks.

If installing a wet-room system, check with the builder that he is using a guaranteed waterproof system so you know that in years to come, the room will still be completely water-tight.

Make sure your washing is done – you may not be able to run your washing machine for a day or two.



If you are altering your existing drainage or installing a new drainage system you must inform the Building Control Department. You will need to present plans and have the work inspected.

Water pressure

Remember to talk to your builder about water pressure. If you are planning to replace an old shower with a power shower, he may well recommend an additional water tank in your loft - otherwise your brand new power shower could be just a dribble.

If your new bathroom is upstairs, protect the stairwell and remove paintings and pictures so they are not knocked off when the new bath is carried up the stairs and the old suite is carried down!