Pre-Drywall Walkthrough Checklist

Mark essential add-ons on the open studs before drywall goes up.

Prepare for the most crucial phase of your new build. Confidently direct your builder to install the hidden supports, wiring, and insulation that make a finished house functional.



Standard Placements

42-60 in
TV blocking height, based on seating

4-6 in
Above windows for 2x4 curtain blocking

33-36 in
Horizontal grab bar backing from subfloor

34-38 in
Stair handrail blocking height

1.5 in
Empty gray flexible attic conduit

20-amp
Dedicated circuits for heavy kitchen appliances

240-volt, 50-amp
Future EV wiring in the garage

The Stud-Bay Photo Routine
Stretch a yellow tape measure across the bottom plate and photograph every stud bay and ceiling joist. Keep numbers legible and back up to a dedicated cloud album.

Marking the Studs

1. **Grab your gear** Bring a clipboard, 25-foot tape measure, and bright permanent marker to the site visit.
2. **Mark the blocking** Use coral tape and a marker X to clearly label heights for hidden structural supports.
3. **Seal the gaps** Request heavy acoustic sealant along bottom plates before drywall to block hidden noise pathways.

Find Your Backing Needs

Find your row: **Your future layout**

Your future layout	Your pick	Why
Heavy kitchen shelving	Solid wood backing	Drywall anchors will eventually fail
Aging in place	Shower and toilet support	For secure transition handles
Shared interior walls	Mineral-wool sound batts	Dramatically reduces noise transfer
Freezing winter weather	Dedicated indoor light switch	Controls outdoor holiday eave outlets

What to Check on Site

- ○ Confirm low-voltage wiring exits studs at your exact upper cabinet height.
- ○ Verify continuous 2x6 blocking runs along the entire staircase run.
- ○ Check for blue electrical boxes in eaves for cameras or lights.
- ○ Consult your fixture manufacturer for specific grab bar weight ratings.

Room-by-Room Add-Ons

- ☐ Living Room: TV blocking and spare conduit to attic.
- ☐ Kitchen: Under-cabinet lighting wire and heavy shelf backing.
- ☐ Bedrooms & Baths: Sound batts and grab bar backing.
- ☐ Exterior & Garage: Switched holiday-light outlets and EV wiring.
- ☐ Stairs & Hallways: Continuous handrail supports.

Site Visit Notes

Enjoy watching your beautifully planned house transform into a perfectly functional home!