



TEN STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL HOMEBUILDING EXPERIENCE

The process of building or remodeling your home is an exciting and very rewarding experience. It is critical, however, that the owners understand the building process before they attempt it. At Joe Gates Construction our goal is to educate and assist you in this process.

1. **ESTABLISH YOUR BUDGET.** Talk to a lender who will give you an idea of your borrowing capacity (a pre-qualification) and down payment requirements. Joe Gates Construction can refer you to local lenders if you are new to the area.
2. **DETERMINE THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA YOU WISH TO BUILD IN OR WHAT YOU WISH TO ACCOMPLISH WITH YOUR REMODEL OR ADDITION.** Investigate and drive through the locations that interest you, whether with a realtor or on your own.
3. **CHOOSE YOUR BUILDER.** Now is the time to choose a construction professional like Joe Gates Construction to help in the preliminary steps of construction. We can't stress enough how important is to get your builder involved early in the building process.
4. **SELECT THE HOMESITE.** Secure the specific site on which you'll build your custom home.
5. **DESIGN THE HOME OR REMODEL / ADDITION PLANS.** If you don't already have a plan, choose a designer who suites your taste, and one who will design a "livable" home. Joe Gates Construction works with a variety of design professionals.
6. **COST OUT THE PROJECT.** After completing a thorough specifications list, the home can be priced into a formal proposal.
7. **FINANCE THE PROJECT.** Both construction and permanent financing should be arranged at this time.
8. **GET THE REQUIRED APPROVALS.** Necessary government, utility, architectural controls and others may require approval prior to start of construction.
9. **BEGIN THE PROJECT.** If the above steps have been followed completely, the actual construction procedure will be smooth and the easiest part of the whole process.
10. **CLOSING AND COMPLETION OF THE WARRANTY.** After construction is complete, the permanent financing will be recorded and the warranty period will begin.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the building process, please do not hesitate to call Joe Gates Construction at 360-697-3284, or email: info@joegates.com