



BATHROOM INSTALLATION ADVICE

We do not offer a bathroom installation service, however we do want you to be fully satisfied with your final installation, and hence we offer this free advice to help ensure you select a suitable and competent installer and pay a fair price. We want to ensure that your money is invested wisely, in both the products and the installation in your home, and your new bathroom is completed to the finish you would expect, with no nasty surprises.

How many quotes should I get?

We would always suggest you obtain at least two quotes, possibly three. Make sure if you do obtain more than one price that they are like-for-like quotes, as all tradespersons work in different ways, and some do unfortunately cut corners. Always question if one installer says you need something and another doesn't, as more often than not one will be right and one will be wrong!

How long will the install take?

You should expect a bathroom installation to take anywhere between 1 and 3 weeks depending on the size and amount of work involved. Always ask the installers for an idea of their timescales to complete the job so you can ensure you are paying a fair price, as often you will be given a single price for the complete installation.

How much should I expect to pay?

This is a tough question to answer but we can give you guidance on the sort of figure to expect. This will of course depend on many factors, the preparation required, the size of the room, the work involved, etc. The cost of labour will vary but as a guide you will be paying between £125 and £200 per person per day and it will probably involve 2 tradespersons on most days. You will then have the cost of materials to consider, on top of the bathroom products and tiles.

You should also ask how many people will be doing the job. This will help you figure out the real price you are paying. For example, one installer may give you a price of £3000, and quote 1 week's work; another may give you the same price but will quote 3 week's work. They may actually be charging

the same day rate, as the first price may be covering 3 tradespersons for a week at £200 per day; whereas the other may be doing it alone for the 3 weeks, but also charging £200 per day.

In our experience the average overall cost of the bathroom installation is between £4000 and £5000.

Don't underestimate the importance of preparation

Please remember that much of the time and work that you will be paying for will be for preparation work, which often isn't visible at the end, but is vitally important and ensures the job is finished to the highest standard. This may involve levelling floors or walls, waterproofing, plastering, plying a floor, etc.

What else should I be asking the installers?

Always ensure the installer offers a guarantee for their work; a year would be a fair period to expect them to cover.

Also ensure any building work is covered under any building regulations that are in place at the time, any electrical work is carried out by a qualified person who will offer the correct certification, and any boiler work is carried out by a qualified Gas Safe registered engineer.

Make sure the installer has insurance and don't be afraid to ask to see photos of some of their previous work or for testimonials from previous customers.

Which quote should I go with?

You should always choose the person whom you felt most comfortable with and that gave you the reassurance that they will do a competent install. This is unlikely to be the cheapest quote. Most importantly we want you to be paying a fair price for the work and please remember that a price that seems too good to be true, more than likely is!

We also want you to have the job completed correctly the first time and to not have any problems in the future. You do not want to do the job cheaply, where costly mistakes can be made, which then means repairs have to be carried out, probably by a different installer, that could cost the same or more than the original install!

We hope you have found this guide useful and hope your install goes smoothly.