

Shower Enclosure Decision Matrix

Comparing frameless and framed options for your bathroom

Assess your bathroom first

1 Check whether your walls and curb are true

A frameless enclosure asks more of a level, square installation than a framed one does.

2 Measure the space with your final layout in mind

Confirm clearances for doors, adjacent fixtures and any storage niche before choosing hardware.

3 Decide how the enclosure should read in the room

A frameless enclosure tends to open up a small bathroom visually; a framed one adds a defined border.

Compare the two options directly

1 Ask for a written quote on both styles

Compare glass, hardware and installation together for your specific layout.

2 Ask about cleaning and upkeep for each

Frame channels and gaskets generally need more regular attention than frameless glass.

3 Confirm the glass type and standard being quoted

Ask your supplier to confirm the glass meets applicable safety glazing requirements.

Before you sign off

1 Ask what the installation warranty covers

Confirm what is included if a seal or hinge needs attention after installation.

2 Ask how long installation typically takes

Timelines vary by enclosure type and site conditions, so get a project-specific estimate.

Match the enclosure to your wall and your routine, not just the photo.

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