

Fix It Yourself or Call the Pros

When to DIY & When to Bring in an Expert



Whether it's a minor repair or a major remodel, deciding between DIY and hiring a professional can feel overwhelming. At 11 Eleven Handyman & Construction, we believe in empowering homeowners to make the best choice for their needs. This guide will walk you through which tasks are great for DIY, which are better left to experts, and why working with a licensed, insured professional like Carlos can save you time, money, and stress.

Easy DIY Fixes for Homeowners

These are tasks you can handle yourself with the right tools and a little patience. However, even these small jobs can be completed more quickly and professionally with 11 Eleven's expertise.

1. Minor Wall Repairs:

- **What You Can Do:** Patch small holes or cracks using spackle, a putty knife, and sandpaper. Finish with a touch of paint for a seamless look.
- **Why Call Us:** Wall repairs might seem simple, but achieving a perfect finish takes skill. Our team ensures smooth, professional results every time, and we'll save you from spending hours sanding and repainting.

2. Simple Painting Jobs:

- **What You Can Do:** Repaint a single wall or a small area like a bathroom. Prep the surface by cleaning and taping edges to avoid mistakes.
- **Why Call Us:** Painting might sound fun, but it can quickly turn messy. 11 Eleven's experts bring the right tools and techniques to achieve even, flawless coats without splatters or streaks.

3. Basic Flooring Maintenance:

- **What You Can Do:** Replace a scratched or damaged laminate plank or fix a loose tile.
- **Why Call Us:** Flooring repairs require precision. A small mistake can lead to misaligned planks or uneven tiles. Our team handles this efficiently, ensuring a long-lasting, professional finish.

4. Cabinet Hardware Upgrades:

- **What You Can Do:** Swap out old knobs or handles for modern ones to refresh your kitchen or bathroom.

- **Why Call Us:** What starts as a simple project can become frustrating if screws don't align or hardware doesn't fit. We'll save you the hassle and leave your cabinets looking brand new.
5. **Tile Grout Cleaning:**
- **What You Can Do:** Use a grout cleaner and toothbrush to remove dirt and stains, bringing back your tile's shine.
 - **Why Call Us:** Grout cleaning is labor-intensive and often doesn't achieve professional results. We have the tools and products to restore your tile to its original beauty without the elbow grease.

When to Call a Professional

Some projects are best left to experts, ensuring they're done safely, efficiently, and to the highest standard.

1. Framing and Structural Work:

- **Why Hire Us:** Framing requires precise measurements and structural knowledge. One small error can compromise your home's safety. Carlos and his team have decades of experience ensuring every beam and frame is perfectly aligned and secure.

2. Drywall Replacement:

- **Why Hire Us:** Whether it's replacing large sections or entire walls, drywall work is best handled by a professional for a smooth, seamless finish. We handle everything from installation to final painting.

3. Flooring Installation:

- **Why Hire Us:** Installing tile or laminate flooring requires precision and skill to avoid gaps or uneven surfaces. 11 Eleven's expertise guarantees a flawless look and long-lasting durability.

4. Custom Carpentry:

- **Why Hire Us:** Finish carpentry and cabinetry require an eye for detail and professional craftsmanship. Let us handle the details while you enjoy the beauty of perfectly finished work.

5. Painting Large Areas or Ceilings:

- **Why Hire Us:** Painting large spaces or high ceilings is time-consuming and challenging. Our professional painters deliver consistent, high-quality results without the mess or strain.

6. Demolition Projects:

- **Why Hire Us:** Demolition isn't just about tearing things down—it's about doing it safely. We'll protect your home's wiring, plumbing, and structure while removing unwanted materials efficiently.

The Risks of DIY Gone Wrong

DIY projects can be rewarding but also risky. Here's why calling 11 Eleven Handyman & Construction is often the smarter choice:

- **Safety Hazards:** Using the wrong tools or techniques can lead to injuries or property damage.

- **Costly Repairs:** Mistakes often require expensive fixes—sometimes costing more than hiring a pro initially.
- **Time Waste:** What seems like a weekend project can drag on for weeks without the right expertise.

Save yourself the headache and let our licensed, insured team get the job done right the first time.

How We Can Help

At 11 Eleven Handyman & Construction, we handle projects of all sizes, from minor repairs to full remodels. With decades of experience and a commitment to quality, Carlos and his team ensure your home looks its best.

Ready to Get Started?

Not sure if your project is a DIY or requires professional help? Contact us today at for a free consultation. We'll provide expert advice and ensure your home improvement goals are met with precision and care.