

Learn What to Consider When Choosing a Walk-in Tub

Description

You may find it challenging to enter a traditional bathtub, so installing a walk-in tub is an excellent idea.



There is a door that allows you to walk directly into the tub. They also have several safety features to keep you safe when bathing. However, with so many various walk-in baths to pick from, it might be challenging to know which one is best for you.

There are a couple of things that you should look for when purchasing a walk-in tub.

Doors for Walk-In Tubs

The sealed doors on walk-in tubs help you maintain your balance as you enter to bathe and keep water contained. While the majority of tubs have an inner swinging door, outward opening doors are also available. The inward swinging door is the most frequent because the water pressure against it helps keep it shut and prevents moisture from accumulating on the floor. While this entry is easier to

open and seal for the bather, it is impossible to open in an emergency without first draining the tub.

An outward swinging walk-in tub door includes a waterproof fastening mechanism. Whereas these doors are open fast in an incident without requiring the whole bath to be drained, the door handle could be hard to use for someone with limited hand strength. In addition, these versions are more costly than walk-in tubs with an inward opening door because the bathroom must be broad enough to accommodate the door.

Many models include an extra-wide door to make it easier to transfer the bather to and from a wheelchair, and many tub doors have a left or right opening entrance with safety rails on top of the tub's side. Thresholds beneath the doors are also not all the same. For example, consider the threshold length when looking for a walk-in tub and ensure you can jump through it without falling. While, if threshold elevation is a consideration, specific models have super-duper low step-in profiles.

Is it better to have jets in a walk-in tub or not?

If you are worried about money, you can save money by getting a higher basic walk-in bathtub. This tub style will include safety bars and, most likely, a handheld shower sprayer, but it will not have any additional amenities. Bathing and soaking in one of these tubs are entirely safe. Think about your everyday pain level if you suffer from osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis, back pain or have recently had a knee or hip replacement, fibromyalgia, or other neurological diseases. In addition to relieving pain, a walk-in tub with jets or a whirlpool provides a higher level of hydrotherapy, which has a long list of health benefits, including lowering muscle pain, strengthening weak muscles, growing joint flexibility, and reinforcing paralyzed muscles, as well as better coordination and blood circulation. Search for tubs that include massaging jets aimed specifically towards your trouble areas, including your back, limbs, or feet.

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The use of medical jets in a walk-in tub can also help exfoliate the skin; therefore, if you have a skin disease, you should consider it after consulting with your physician. In addition, after taking a jet bath, medicated or hydrating creams seem to be more absorbed as well.

Filling and drain away quickly

There are various advantages to using a walk-in tub, though one disadvantage is that you must remain inside the tub while it fills and empties. If this process takes a long time, you could become pretty cold. Fast-filling taps and pump-assisted drainage systems are available in certain walk-in tubs. As a result, the bathtub fills and drains in much less time, providing a far more pleasurable experience.

Manufacturers of walk-in tubs have a lot of options that can make selecting the appropriate tub difficult. Understanding what to look out for in a walk-in tub will make the task lot more straightforward. If you follow these guidelines, you'll be able to pick the right bathtub for your needs and the right bathtub for your home.

The Size of Ideal Walk-In Tub

A typical bathtub is 60 inches in length and 32 inches in diameter. Walk-in tubs range in size from 36-and-a-half inches in length and 33 inches broad to ones designed to accommodate people weighing over 250 pounds. More giant tubs are therefore available for people in wheelchairs or use, including lift

chairs.

Another thing to consider is if the size of your home's corridors, stairs, and doors will let installers move the tub towards the bathroom without difficulty. Depending on how short your doorways and galleries are or how many steps there are now in a narrow stairway, you may have to do a bit of comparison shopping before settling on the best walk-in tub for your current home. To accommodate the tub, you might have to think about modifying your home, such as constructing a new bathroom in a much more convenient spot or reworking small hallways and doorways to make them broader and more accessible.

Another consideration is that the washroom floor must be solid enough to support the tub's weight. Remember that because large tubs hold many more gallons of water than a conventional bathtub, the importance of the water when filled is significantly higher. Your contractor can inspect the subfloor to determine whether or not any modifications are required. The majority of walk-in tubs are designed to be installed in the space where your current tub is. A walk-in tub larger than the contemporary bathtub will incur additional costs due to the necessity for improvements to the existing tub. If your new walk-in tub is significantly shorter than your old bathtub, extension shelves are a simple solution to make up for the lost room in the tub.

Estimated Cost of a Walk-in Tub

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It is preferable to invest in a walk-in tub rather than a standard bathtub because it will better serve your needs now and in the future. Purchase a walk-in tub only to discover that you require a different tub model; later on, it is a costly mistake because you will be required to pay for installation on two separate occasions.

Walking-in tubs have several fees attached to them. First, it costs between $3,000 and $20,000 to install a walk-in tub. This type of tub is nearly always installed by a professional, although there are other portable ones available that are much smaller, may not be sealed to the floor, and do not require the additional installation price. The average installation cost is between $700 and $1,200, while some companies include installation as part of their final costs.

One additional cost to consider is the installation of a new water heater if your current one is insufficiently sized for the new tub. This will increase your overall cost of building a walk-in tub.

As a result, because Medicare does not consider walk-in tubs to be durable medical equipment, you will be responsible for the cost of the tub. Despite this, many seniors believe that the safety and reliability benefits far outweigh the financial burden.

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