

## Finished Basements: What to Know Before You Build

Finished basements create valuable living space. Here's what to plan for:

### Common Layouts

- Living area, guest bedroom, full bathroom with pump system, utility zone.

### Bathroom Pump Systems

- If the drain line is higher than the bathroom, a sewage ejector pump is required.

### Flooring

- Vinyl plank (LVP): durable and water-resistant.
- Tile: long-lasting, needs a warm subfloor.
- Carpet: soft but needs moisture control.

### Walls & Insulation

- Treated framing, insulation, and vapor barriers are essential.

### Lighting & Egress

- Use recessed lighting and install egress windows for code compliance.

### HVAC & Moisture Control

- Mini-splits offer efficient heating/cooling and built-in dehumidification.
- Standalone dehumidifiers also help in humid months.

### Final Thoughts

Plan for comfort, moisture management, and the right layout to make the most of your lower level.