

The Basement Finishing Timeline Checklist

Stage by stage, in the right order, from Acadia Design Consultants

Before day one

1 Check for moisture, stains, and musty smells

Active water means waterproofing comes before anything else.

2 Measure true ceiling height

Account for ducts and beams; it limits what you can build.

3 Confirm egress for any planned bedroom

A below-grade bedroom needs a code-compliant egress window.

Weeks 1 to 2

1 Waterproof if there is any moisture history

Grading, drainage, or an interior system as needed.

2 Finalize the layout and apply for a permit

Finishing a basement is permitted work in Oshawa.

Month 1 onward

1 Frame, then book the rough-in inspections

Electrical and framing are inspected before drywall.

2 Insulate, drywall, and finish

Flooring, trim, paint, lighting, and fixtures.

3 Keep the permit and inspection records

They matter at resale as much as the finishes.

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