

The 2026 Kitchener Home Addition Planning Checklist

Acadia Design Consultants - Kitchener Homeowner Guide 2026

Before You Design

1 Define purpose and size

Know what the space is for and how big it needs to be in five years.

2 Confirm zoning and lot limits

Lot coverage, setbacks, and height for your exact property.

3 Check easements and services

Find buried utilities and drainage you cannot build over.

Design, Permit, and Budget

1 Commission the drawings

A proper design and permit set, coordinated with structural engineering.

2 Confirm the permit process

Check Kitchener building permit requirements and review timelines.

3 Get written estimates

Design, engineering, and construction so the full cost is visible.

4 Add a contingency

Budget 10 to 20 percent extra for surprises behind existing walls.

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