



## Choreboy Handyman Services, LLC

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# Customer Guide to Drywall Renovation

Drywall covers approximately 80% of the visible interior of most homes built in the past 50 years. Properly installed, drywall can add real beauty and security to your home. Improperly attached or finished, it can be a real eyesore. Like most construction work, replacing existing drywall or installing new drywall can be somewhat messy. However, at Choreboy Handyman Services, we work hard to limit the mess and protect your home. Installing and finishing drywall is a somewhat lengthy process due to the drying time required during the finishing process. Let's walk through the process and what you can expect at each step:

### **Prior to Start of Renovations**

Please clear the work area of personal items (furniture, wall hangings, etc.) to provide ready access for the contractor. Unfortunately, Choreboy cannot be responsible for damage to personal items. Please take care to ensure that any pets are kept clear of the work area as well - we don't want Fluffy or Fido to get hurt or lost any more than you do!

### **Day #1: Site Preparation & Rough Drywall Installation**

Choreboy will seal-off the work area to limit the spread of dust and debris. If your home was built before 1978, we take special precautions, as renovating may expose lead-bearing dust from old paint. We will then remove and dispose of the existing wall covering (as required) and install new drywall in its place. Joints between panels will be finished with reinforcing tape embedded in a rough coat of drywall "mud" (joint compound).

### **Day #2: Filler Coat**

Depending on ambient humidity levels, the first coat of joint compound will take 24-48 hours to dry completely. At this point, we'll return to your home to apply the second coat of joint compound to hide the joints and feather out the edges.

### **Day #3: Finish Coat**

After the filler coat dries completely (around 24 hours), another thin layer of joint compound is applied over the filler coat to smooth-out any remaining rough areas. Allow another 12-24 hours drying time before the sanding step below.

### **Day #4: Sanding**

With professional installation, the horror stories about white clouds of dust during this step are highly-overrated. By careful application of joint compound during the finishing stages and use of professional "dust-free" sanding equipment equipped with HEPA filtration, Choreboy minimizes both the generation and spread of the sanding dust. A final wipe-down and thorough clean-up with a HEPA filter vacuum completes the process.

### **Post-Renovation**

If not included in your Choreboy renovation, new drywall should be covered with a high-quality primer/sealer per manufacturer's directions as soon as practical to protect the surfaces. New drywall is highly absorbent, so plan on using twice as much primer as you would typically need to cover the surface. Please feel free to contact Choreboy Handyman Services if you have any questions.