

How to Finish Your Basement



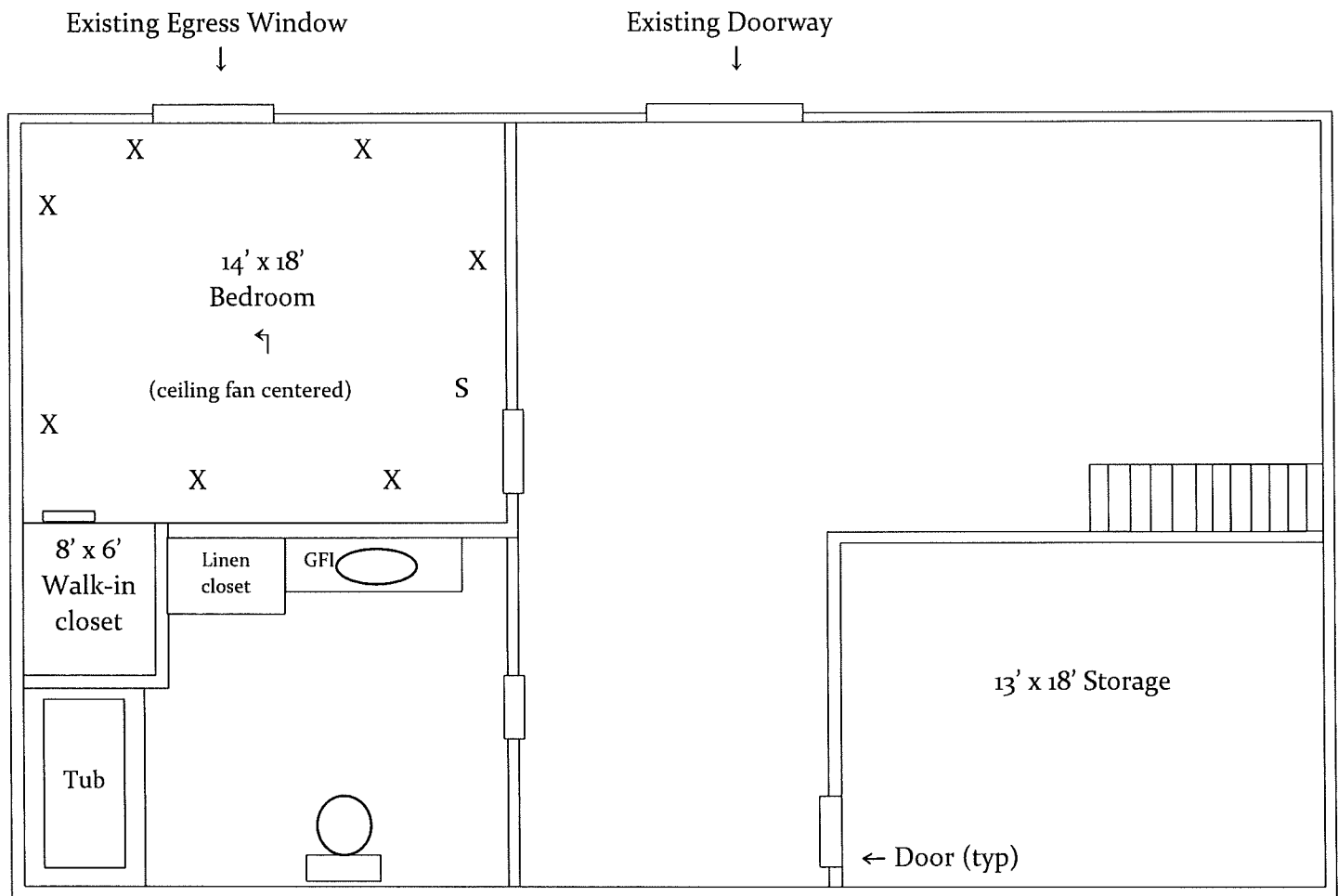
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To finish your basement you will need a permit from the City. You will also need drawings showing your floor plan. You do not need a design professional for a basement finish. Draw the shape of your basement, put in where you are going to put walls, where the electric will be run for outlets and switches, and where you are putting in plumbing if any.

Put down room dimensions and where the electric and plumbing will be going.

EXAMPLE:



X = Electric Outlets

(Drawing not to scale)

S= Switch

Once your permit is approved, you may start on your project. When you get all the framing finished, plumbing ran (if any), and electric complete, call for an inspection. Please make sure you use treated lumber for the bottom plate of your walls since it will be laying on concrete. Once your rough-ins pass inspection, you can start on the finishing.

When you have your flooring finished, walls painted, doors installed, trim work complete, electric hooked up, outlet covers in place, all lighting connected, and all work is done except moving in furniture, call for a final inspection.

Building Permit Fees:

When you get an estimate on what your materials will cost, take that amount times .0035 and add \$25.00. That amount is your total permit fee.

Example:

You figure it will cost approx. \$9600.00 to finish your basement. This includes lumber, drywall, wiring, lighting, flooring, tubs/showers/sinks, plumbing, paint, and anything else that you may need.

$$\$9600.00 \times .0035 = \$33.60 + \$25.00 \text{ (administrative fee)} = \mathbf{\$58.60 \text{ TOTAL PERMIT FEE}}$$