

Tiny Home Budget Tracker (Starter)

Track Costs, Upgrades, and Must-Have Items



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This budget tracker is designed to help you meticulously plan and manage the financial aspects of your tiny home project. From initial construction costs to ongoing upgrades, it provides a clear framework for prioritizing expenses and tracking actual spending against your estimates. The goal is to keep your dream build on track and within budget, avoiding unexpected financial strains.

Core Project Categories

- **Foundation/Trailer:**
 - Site preparation
 - Trailer/Foundation purchase
 - Installation
- **Structure:**
 - Framing materials
 - Roofing
 - Siding
 - Windows & Doors
- **Interior:**
 - Insulation
 - Wall coverings
 - Flooring
- **Utilities:**
 - Electrical system
 - Plumbing system
 - HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning)
- **Appliances & Fixtures:**
 - Kitchen appliances
 - Bathroom fixtures
 - Lighting
- **Finishing Touches:**
 - Interior trim
 - Exterior trim
 - Painting/Staining

- **Contingency Fund:**
 - Unexpected expenses buffer



Priority Planning Log

Item/Category	Estimated Cost	Priority	Actual Cost
Foundation/Trailer	\$	High/Medium/Low	\$
Structure	\$	High/Medium/Low	\$
Interior	\$	High/Medium/Low	\$
Utilities	\$	High/Medium/Low	\$
Appliances & Fixtures	\$	High/Medium/Low	\$
Finishing Touches	\$	High/Medium/Low	\$
Contingency Fund	\$	Critical	\$



Authority Gap Contingency

Having a contingency is *critical*. This is where the pro's make their money, covering up for the mistakes of DIY'ers. You will be tempted to reduce this to save money, *don't*.

- 15-20% of total project cost allocated for unexpected issues.
- Research common pitfalls in tiny home construction.
- Consult with experienced builders for potential problem areas.
- Prioritize addressing authority gaps to prevent costly mistakes.

Important Notice: This budget tracker is a tool to assist in planning and managing your tiny home project's finances. Selfcampers.com is not responsible for any financial losses or inaccuracies resulting from its use.

Safety & Legal Warning: Building a tiny home may involve inherent risks. Ensure compliance with all local building codes, regulations, and safety standards. Consult with qualified professionals for structural, electrical, and plumbing work.

This tracker provides a starting point to understanding the basics of building your Tiny Home. As you continue to develop your project it's important to continually reassess the information in the tracker to ensure your project is still on track and that the budget is still relevant.