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TOPIC OF THE MONTH: WATERPROOFING

Arguably one of the most important components of your bathroom remodel is the **shower waterproofing system**. If you are considering a bathroom remodel, I recommend discussing the waterproofing system with your contractor. The three most common systems currently in use are:

1. **Foam boards.** Common brands include Schluter's Kerdi board, Wedi board, Laticrete's Hydro Ban board, and many other newer brands.
2. **Sheet membranes.** Including Schluter's Kerdi membrane, Laticrete's Hydro Ban sheet membrane, Ardex, and others.
3. **Liquid-applied membranes.** Including Redgard, Mapei's AquaDefense, Laticrete's Hydro Ban liquid membrane, and others.

The most vulnerable areas in any shower waterproofing installation are where the walls meet the shower floor or tub lip, where the floor meets the drain, and at all seams. No matter which system you or your contractor chooses to go with, make sure that these areas are being installed per manufacturer's specifications.

At MF Custom Works, **our waterproofing system of choice** is Schluter's Kerdi system. In my humble opinion, Schluter is the gold standard for waterproofing systems, and they stand behind their products with a lifetime warranty. We use a combination of their foam board and sheet membranes for a 100% waterproof installation.

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TUCSON TIPS

If you are looking for a great burrito, check out **Taqueria Juanitos** on the north side of Grant west of Oracle. The veggie burrito is a favorite of vegetarians and meat-eaters alike, as are their churros!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MF CUSTOM WORKS

Many of you receiving this newsletter have worked with us in the past on smaller scale home repair projects. I am pleased to announce that as of February of this year MF Custom Works is now a **licensed General Contractor!** This means we can take on residential projects of any size, scope, or dollar amount. In order to best serve our clients, I have decided to narrow our focus and primarily take on **Bathroom, Kitchen, and Carport/Garage Remodel** projects.

Of course, if you have any questions about past projects we completed for you, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. If you have any smaller repairs, though we may not be available to complete the repair ourselves, we are happy to refer you to a trusted member of our growing network of trade professionals in the Tucson community.



Mira Frenkel, Owner of MF Custom Works

I am very excited about this new chapter and can't wait to partner with you on your next remodel!

DIY CORNER

The palo verdes and mesquites are in full bloom! You know what that means...allergy season. For me at least. And that summer is just around the corner. This is your reminder to **check your AC filters** before firing up your system for the summer, and replace them if necessary. If you are planning to do any DIY projects, I recommend taping some plastic over the vents in the room you are working on to prevent dust from spreading to the rest of the house.

If anything in this newsletter was helpful to you, we encourage you to check out our website and social media pages. We regularly post information, tips, and updates on the projects we are working on.

