

When to Make Decisions

Be informed, changes can have huge impacts

The most important and significant cost saving aspect of your project is time, meeting critical milestones, and knowing when to make decisions. If you only take away one lesson from the entire "Project Preparation Package," let this simple chart below be it. Understanding when to make critical decisions throughout the design and construction process can save you thousands, and this is not an exaggeration. Simply put, making key project decisions early in the design process, effectively reducing changes, will reduce overall project time and allow your architect to control costs. Not all decisions need to be made from the onset of your project, but your architect should guide you through what decisions need to be made by when. The costs of making changes are exponentially larger the later they are made. At the end of each phase of your project, which you will learn more about in the next installment, your architect will require a "sign-off" on the key decisions required for each particular project milestone.

