Fullbore Dallas Repiping

Dallas Repipe Quote Comparison Checklist

For comparing repipe quotes on a house, condo or larger building in Dallas. Go through each quote with these questions, then fill in the grid on the last page side by side.

1 Scope: what each quote replaces

Two quotes can look far apart only because they cover different work. Before you compare totals, check that each one answers these.

- ☐ Where the new piping starts (the main shutoff or a named point) and where it ends (every fixture, or named rooms only).
- ☐ Whole building or partial. For a partial: which lines stay in service, and where new pipe connects to old.
- ☐ Hot and cold lines both included, to every fixture on the list.
- ☐ For a slab house: whether the new lines run overhead through the attic, and whether any line stays in the slab, out of service.
- ☐ Main shutoff, pressure-reducing valve and unit shutoffs: replaced, kept or added.
- ☐ Water heater: reconnected only, or replaced as a separate line.
- ☐ What is left out: sewer and drain lines, gas piping, fixtures, and the service line from the Dallas Water Utilities meter to the house.

2 Material and method

Dallas follows the 2021 International Plumbing Code with local amendments, which allows both PEX and copper when they are listed and installed to the maker's instructions. Neither is the right answer for every house, so make sure each quote names what you are getting.

- ☐ The pipe material and type named in writing: PEX-A, PEX-B or PEX-AL-PEX with its fitting system, or Type L or Type M copper.
- ☐ The layout: home-run manifold, trunk-and-branch, or a mix, and where the manifold or main valves will sit.
- ☐ In the attic: how PEX is supported, kept out of sunlight and insulated against a freeze.
- ☐ The joining method: expansion, crimp or clamp fittings for PEX; soldered or press-connect for copper.
- ☐ Parts that carry drinking water are certified to NSF/ANSI 61 and 372.
- ☐ The size of the main lines and of the branches to each fixture group.

Have these ready for every walk-through

- The year the house or building was built, and whether it sits on a slab or a crawlspace.
- Any home inspection report that mentions the piping.
- Any Dallas Water Utilities notice about your service line material.
- Where the main shutoff and water heater are, and how to reach the attic.
- Any remodel planned in the next year or so.

The same facts given to every contractor make the quotes comparable.

3 Permit, license and inspection

In Dallas, replacing or rearranging supply piping is permitted work, inspected at rough-in while the walls are open and again at the end.

- ☐ Who applies for the City permit through DallasNow, and whose name is on it.
- ☐ The permit fee shown as its own line, not folded into the total.
- ☐ Who books the rough and final inspections, and who pays a reinspection if one fails.
- ☐ The plumbing contractor's Texas license number and a certificate of insurance.
- ☐ For a condo or apartment building: who gives approval, and which risers or branches belong to whom.
- ☐ A promise that no wall is closed before the rough inspection passes.

4 Walls, floors and restoration

Openings and patching are easy to leave vague in a quote. Ask for them in writing so you know what your walls will look like afterward.

- ☐ How many openings, and in which rooms.
- ☐ How openings are cut (clean rectangles at fittings and turns), and whether tile walls are reached from the back.
- ☐ Who closes the openings, and to what finish: patched only, patched and textured to match, or painted.
- ☐ How floors, furniture and common areas are protected.
- ☐ Where old pipe stays in walls or the slab, disconnected.

5 Schedule and water

How easy a repipe is to live through comes down to two things: how many working days, and when your water is off.

- ☐ The number of working days.
- ☐ The water-off windows. Water should be off only while each part is cut over.
- ☐ In an occupied building: which units or businesses are without water and when, and how people are told.

6 Testing and handover

These steps are how you know the new piping is sound before the walls close.

- ☐ A pressure test before any wall is closed.
- ☐ Flushing after cutover, with aerators and screens cleaned.
- ☐ Shutoffs labeled.
- ☐ The final inspection sign-off and a copy of the permit for your records.
- ☐ Any written warranty: what it covers, for how long, and who honors it.
- ☐ The payment schedule, tied to stages of the work.

7 Side-by-side comparison

One column per quote. A blank box is a question to ask before signing.

	Quote A	Quote B	Quote C
Contractor and Texas license number			
Material, type and joining method			
Starts at / ends at			
Whole or partial; what old pipe stays			
Attic route, main shutoff, PRV			
Openings, and who closes them			
City permit, and who applies			
Working days			
Water-off windows			
Pressure test and inspection			
Not included			
Total quoted			

This checklist is general information, not legal advice or an inspection. Permit, inspection and material rules are set by the City of Dallas and are confirmed for each address before work starts.