



M&M Lumber Newsletter

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Thank you for choosing M&M Lumber for your building material needs. We value your business and friendship.

There's lots of information in this month's issue of M&M Lumber's e-newsletter. You will find the latest market update, what's happening around M&M Lumber, and recent FaceBook posts in case you missed them.

If you are looking for something to do this weekend, check out the Remodeled Tulsa Tour which is this Saturday and Sunday. If you have employees, make sure you look at the notifications for the Affordable Care Act that you must hand out by October 1. If you need more information on Medicare, make note of the Medicare information section and the seminar that is in Tulsa next week.

Thanks for reading. Don't be a stranger...come visit us!



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From the Wood Pile:

Remodeled Tulsa Tour

Dates/Hours:

Saturday, September 21, 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday, September 22, Noon - 5:00pm

Tickets:

\$10.00 for Adults

Free - 12yrs and younger with a paying adult

*Available at the door of any Tour home.

The Remodeled Tulsa Tour is the premier showcase of newly remodeled homes in Tulsa and the surrounding areas. Presented by the Remodelers Council of the Home Builders Association of Greater Tulsa, and sponsored by The Womble Company, the

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Sincerely,

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Market Report:

Market Update:

Gypsum:

American, National and CertainTeed have all announced a 20% price increase for January 1, 2014. This was no surprise since this price increase will be the third one in three years for January 1st. Expect lead times to extend towards the end of the year prior to the price increase.



Roofing: The roofing market is steady and a price increase was implemented at the first of the month by several manufacturers including GAF, Tamko, Malarkey and Owens Corning.

Rebar: Overseas Mills are up - \$1.50-\$2.00/cwt depending on the country of origin.

Mexican Mills are up over \$1/cwt.

The Anti Dumping Suits are coming down and the foreign mills have raised prices on this news.

The countries that are named in the suit will have tariffs levied against their steel production.

event will take place over one weekend in September, and feature Tulsa's best home remodeling projects.

Homes on display can showcase a variety of remodeling projects from the area's finest remodelers including everything from a master suite addition to kitchen renovations, outdoor kitchen/living area remodels and a whole-house remodel. In addition, representatives from some of the area's top remodeling companies are on hand inside each home to answer your questions.

Get your Official Guide containing a map and project descriptions in the September issue of TulsaPeople Magazine.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.tulsahba.com/events/remodeled-tulsa-tour.html>

Plumbing Changes

Just a reminder, there are many changes happening in the plumbing area because of law changes regarding lead in brass and using less water from faucets and toilets.

We don't sell a lot of plumbing, but this is just to keep you up on changes in the industry...



Regarding lead in brass: the US Congress passed a law requiring lead levels to be reduced in potable water sources. 'The Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act', is a measure that defines "lead free" as not containing more than 0.2% lead when used with respect to solder and flux, and not more than a weighted average of .25% lead when used with respect to wetted surfaces of pipes and pipe and plumbing fittings. This includes lavatory faucets, kitchen faucets, aerators, valves, fittings, etc. For the US, this goes into effect January 1, 2014. Retailers will not be able to sell items that has lead in them after that date. For more information, go to: www.noleadbrass.com/educate.html.



Regarding low water usage:

The Turkish mills will pass any tariffs levied against them on to their customers. The Mexican mills have agreed not to pass on the tariffs, and will absorb that cost - they do not want to lose market share.

It is expected that Nucor too will have an increase.

Lumber: Commodity prices largely have remained stable over the last month. Overall the lumber market has remained steady to firm with little movement in pricing.

There are rumors that the Chinese are going to be back in the lumber market. Should this rumor come to be, the lumber market will take a quick uptick based on the demand of their buying needs.

Plywood: As stated above in lumber, accommodity prices largely have remained stable over the last month.

RoyOMartin will invest \$20 million to modernize and expand its Martco plywood plant in Chopin, LA. The facility will upgrade drying equipment, add a production line, and create 24 new jobs. Construction has begun and will be completed in the second quarter of 2014.

Other Vendors:

-Steve's & Sons has announced a price increase on their doors: 4% on Exterior steel and fiberglass doors, 5% on hollow core molded doors, 6% on molded solid core doors, 6% on interior flush hollow core and solid core doors, and 9% on their interior stile and rail wood doors.

Lumber Yard News:

What is happening around M&M Lumber?

New Items:

Now in stock are



Many states have passed legislation on low water usage. California, Georgia, and Texas are a few. Products affected are

faucets, aerators, shower heads, toilets, and urinals. It is predicted that more states will follow suit.

Recent Facebook posts:

Are you on Facebook? If not, this is what you're missing:

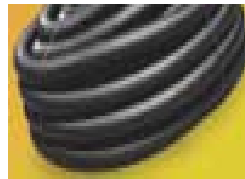


Need a painter??

If your painter doesn't have a ladder, you might be concerned...

Hopefully he won't miss a spot!

4" x 100' roll of black corrugated pipe. These rolls will be sold in full rolls of 100' for \$70.00 a roll.



Do you have a need for some 1x8 Finger Joint Poplar? You're in luck. We are now stocking 16' pieces.



Do you remember the Big Rig tape measures? When we lost our KR source, this tape measure went away. We have now picked up the Big Blue tape that is very similar. They are \$8.99 and are located in with the other tape measures at the front of the store.



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Have you seen the flying sock monkey? Come check them out...they are a cute little monkey at first glance. They have elastic arms that you use to pull back on the monkey and release him into the air to watch him fly. Entertaining I promise!



Is this your builder??
Let us help you find a reputable builder...Building a deck?
Remodeling the kitchen or bathroom? Adding a room on for



mom? Building the dream house?
We can help!

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Other Notables

Afordable Care Act

October 1st is the deadline regarding the announcement of the new Health Insurance Marketplace. ALL employers (regardless of size) must notify their employees (both full and part time) of the new Obamacare plans that will become effective January 1, 2014. Enrollment in the new Marketplace will begin October 1. Your responsibility is to send the notice.

[Exchange Notification with health insurance](#)

[Exchange Notification without health insurance](#)

Medicare Information:

For those that are on Medicare or are eligible for Medicare, fall open enrollment will be here soon. Fall enrollment is October 15 through



December 7th of each year. Now is the time to review your current coverage plan and compare it with the plans that will be offered for 2014. The 2014 plans will be available for viewing on Medicare's webpage by October 1 at www.medicare.gov. Coverage changes you can make during the enrollment period include enrolling in

a Medicare prescription plan, switching from one prescription plan to another, dropping your prescription plan all together, change from one advantage plan to another, change from original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan, or change form a Medicare Advantage Plan back to original Medicare.

If you are satisfied with your current plan's coverage, and your plan will be available in 2014, you don't have to do anything as your current coverage will continue for the next year. If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, you should be receiving the Evidence of Coverage and the Annual Notice of Change to give you details about what the plan covers, how much it costs, and other important information. These notices will include any changes in coverage, cost or service areas that will be effective in January.

Your 2014 'Medicare & You' handbook will be arriving this month. Keep this handbook for the 2014 year for information pertaining to Medicare benefits, rights and protections. If you signed up to receive the handbook electronically, go to their webpage to download it.

With the Affordable Health Care Act (Obamacare) coming into play January 1, there may be changes to your Medicare plan. Make sure you double check your plan options during this open enrollment time.

Need more information on Medicare? Wednesday, September 25 from 10-12 at LIFE Senior Services will be holding a seminar to explain the basics of Medicare. Call 918-664-9000 x256 to make



reservations. The seminar is free, but reservations are required.



The DOL just recently updated the fact sheet for who qualifies for FMLA. Click here to see the revised sheet. [FMLA Fact Sheet](#)

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