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M&M Lumber Newsletter

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It is definitely the dog days of summer and the heat has been brutal for those who work outside. Back to school is on the mind of parents and kids as they scurry around to get ready for the first day of school.

In this month's e-newsletter, we have information on OSHA's phase-in for fall protection, new lighting legislation that goes into effect in January, ODL rebate information, and online learning option.

We appreciate your business as well as your [feedback](#). If you have any questions, feel free to call or email us! Thank you for supporting M&M Lumber, the place to be for your building and hardware needs.

Sincerely,

M&M Lumber
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OSHA Begins 90-day Phase-in for Fall Protection Requirements

Last December, OSHA rescinded its Interim Fall Protection Compliance Guidelines for Residential Construction, which had been in place since 1995. Effective June 16, 2011, employers must provide conventional fall protection



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From the Wood Pile:

We have several sheets of damaged 4x8 3/4" Veneer-core Birch. The usually sells for \$36.00/sheet. Damaged sheets are \$20.00/sheet. First come, first serve.

We also have two pallets of various damaged plywood out in front of

systems - to protect all employees engaged in residential construction activities 6 feet or more above a lower level. The new [Compliance Guidance for Residential Construction](#) will require employers to follow OSHA's Subpart M Fall Protection regulation, which allows the flexibility of using a written fall protection plan and alternative fall protection procedures when conventional systems are either infeasible or using them creates greater hazard.

Specifically, the new guidelines clarify OSHA's citation policy with regard to the requirement that employers engaged in residential construction demonstrate the infeasibility of required fall protection systems, or that such systems create a greater hazard, prior to implementing alternative measures. This guideline also clarifies OSHA's enforcement policy regarding the requirements that fall protection plans, when used, be written and site-specific.

Importantly, OSHA has indicated a 90-day phase: For the first three months that the new directive is in effect, OSHA field staff will refrain from issuing fall protection citations to employers who are using the protective measures in the old directive. Instead, during this period, field staff will focus on helping employers come into compliance with the new directive. However, during this time, OSHA will continue to cite residential construction employers that are not, at a minimum, adhering to the alternative protective measures that were set forth in the old fall protection directive.

The OSHA guideline may be found at http://osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=DIRECTIVES&p_id=4755#1

The OSHA letter to NAHB outlining the 90-day phase-in may be found at http://osha.gov/doc/letter_nahb.html

Additional resources are available from NAHB at [NAHB Fall Protection Resources](#) including a fact sheet showing the changes made from the old to the new guidelines http://www.nahb.org/fileUpload_details.aspx?contentID=153251.

Lumber Yard News:

What's happening around M&M Lumber?



School is back in session. Be on alert for school buses, school zones, kids walking in neighborhoods, and buses stopped to pick up and drop off kids.

Have you met Toby Geltz? Toby is our newest employee to join us at M&M Lumber. Toby is working in the south yard and already has made a significant impact around here. Stop and say 'hi' next time you are in!

store of various thicknesses and species. These are \$5.00 a sheet. Prices good while supplies last. First come, first serve.

Online Vendor Learning!

Simpson Strong-Tie

Earn CEUs Through Online Training
There are now more than 20 [online training courses](#) available on strongtie.com/training. One of the perks of online training is that it can be taken any time of day and it is free of charge. Depending on the course, attendees also can earn Continuing Education Credits (CEUs). Courses typically take one to three hours to complete. In addition, Simpson Strong-Tie offers a full-range of [workshops across country](#). Find a class by [visiting Simpson's website](#).

Fluidmaster

Having problems with a toilet? Want to learn about the anatomy of a toilet? Go to Fluidmaster: <http://www.fixthistoilet.com/>
Here you can learn all about toilets and how they work.

ODL Builder Rebate

ODL has launched a Builder Rebate Promotion that will run from June through October 31, 2011. Builders are eligible for up to a \$25.00 cash rebate on Blind Products manufactured by ODL.

- Low-E Doorglass Blinds
- Triple Glazed Doorglass Blinds
- Sliding Patio Door with Blinds between the glass

[Builder Rebate Brochure](#)
[Builder Rebate form](#)

This is a great opportunity to distinguish your homes with ODL Doorglass. Look at the brochure and download the rebate form to qualify.

Market Report

Market Update:

Somone around M&M Lumber turned 40 this week...we aren't allowed to say his name, but it starts with a 'W' and it ends with 'ade'. Happy 40th!!



Jim, Whitney and Justin recently went to Vancouver and went on a mill tour. Attached are some pictures from the Canadian Lumber Mill.

[Canada Mill Tour](#)

Lighting Legislation

Beginning in January 2012, US legislation will go into effect to begin replacing incandescent light bulbs with options that are more efficient such as CFLs, LEDs, and halogen bulbs. According to the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, these changes are expected to save \$40 billion dollars in energy costs from 2012-2030.

The 100-watt bulb will be phased out January 2012 and replaced with a 72-watt bulb. The 75-watt bulb will be phased out January 2013 and replaced with a 53-watt bulb. The 60-watt and 40-watt will be phased out in 2014.

The exception to the ban of incandescent bulbs are specialty bulbs such as refrigerator bulbs, reflector bulbs, candelabra bulbs, globes, shatter-resistant bulbs, rough service bulbs, colored bulbs and bug lights.



CFLs, LEDs and halogen bulbs will be pushed going forward as they use less energy per lumen output.

What we have been seeing from some of our vendors as they phase out some of the various bulbs is that their supplies are already dwindling since they are not allowed to sell 100-watt bulbs past July 1, 2012.

For more information, check out the following links:

<http://tinyurl.com/3on6r43>

http://www.gelighting.com/na/home_lighting/products/2012_energy_legislation/

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situation remains at an allocation status but the supply and demand seems to be subsiding. The current decrease in demand and lead time are primarily due to the extreme loss across much of the midwest. Felt and shingles will hinge on the 2011 Hurricane Season.

Drywall - The major drywall manufacturers have postponed the August 1 price increase until mid-September.

Rebar - The rebar market is firm as the supply is tight. Mexico is the main import supplier along with domestic mills.

Lumber and Plywood - The lumber and plywood market is steady to firm.

With the stock market making significant changes, the next 30 days will be interesting to see what comes about with the lumber market.

Craftmaster Door



Craftmaster Doors has a new door that they are now producing. It is called the Conmore door. It is a molded, flat 5-panel door available in 6'8 and 7'0 passage and bifold sizes. See that attached brochure for specifics.

[Conmore Door Brochure](#)

Feedback

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