

October 2014 NEWS AND VIEWS FROM AROUND THE STORES



locations on October 8. We've put together a fun evening of activities and raffle prizes for all to enjoy. The great news is that you don't even need to be a "lady" to attend—all are welcome: men, women, the young, and the young at heart! Please join us for the exciting evening and bring the family!

See page 2 for event details!



## **Join Us at FallFest!**

**Saturday**, October 11 12:00 pm-4:00 pm Justin Herman Plaza

The month of October just might be the best month for a "staycation" in San Francisco, with the many fun events happening across the City. Join COLE HARDWARE at FallFest 2014, a celebration of the Bay Area's local and sustainable markets. Eat your way through 40 restaurants, sip wines from over 30 local wineries, and watch the Bay Area's best chefs and mixologists in action. Sponsored by San Francisco magazine, it all takes place outdoors at Justin

Herman Plaza, which is transformed for the day into a European-style marketplace, taking full advantage of the season's gorgeous weather and the waterfront's beautiful views. And this all benefits Meals on Wheels of San Francisco!

Our friends from the Big Green Egg<sup>®</sup> will be there cooking up some savory

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treats and showing off some of the beautiful mahogany table nests available to cradle an EGG. You won't want to miss the local chefs who will participate in a gourmet grill-off with the EGGs, demonstrating the versatility of these kamado-style ceramic cookers. Sample and vote during the continued on page 10...

**SCRAP-py Halloween Workshop and Fashions** 

Wednesday, October 15, 5:00 pm–8:00 pm **3312 Mission Street** 

Join us and our friends from SCRAP (Scrounger's Center for Reusable Art Parts) as we host a SCRAP-py Halloween Workshop. SCRAP artist extraordinaire Jane Shafgans will lead a hands-on project making monsters and ghouls with reusable materials. Get inspired by designer Nicola Griffin's imaginative creations, all made with repurposed materials. Enjoy a cup of hot cider from our cauldron and some bewitching treats, too. And it's all free-a perfect after-school event for the kids. Learn more about the creative workshops that SCRAP hosts

monthly and check out all of the cool hardware Cole HARDWARE offers to invent one-of-a-kind costumes.

Drop in for a spell! See page 8 for more great costumes from repurposed materials.

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## LADIES' NIGHT ACTIVITIES!



exciting evening and bring the family!

#### **Meet and Greet!**

#### NERT Volunteers

Neighborhood Meet the active Emergency Response Team (NERT) member in your neighborhood and learn NERT how you can become NERT certified.

#### **Repair Referral**

All stores will have representatives from our Repair Referral Service on hand to answer home improvement questions, including the ladies featured on page 6.

#### **Energy Upgrade California**

Representatives will be on hand to provide you with information on how to save energy, conserve natural resources, and help reduce demand on the electricity grid.



#### Hands On!

We will be conducting these demonstrations during Ladies' Night:



#### SousVide Supreme

Sample foods made with this culinary technique that cooks food slowly in vacuumsealed pouches, submerged in a water bath, retaining all of the moisture and nutrients that are often lost in traditional cooking methods. (Sku 629073, \$329.99)



#### **Christophe Pourny**

**Furniture Tonic** Come see how this tonic restores the luster and shine to wood A. h. for that time and sun can diminish (Sku 102103, \$17.99)

Drill, Baby, Drill

See page 4 for more product details.

A handheld drill is one of the

the house, but if you've never used one,

it can be a little intimidating. Get

comfortable holding this powerful tool

and learn how to drill a simple hole for a

million and one projects in your home.

most useful tools to have around

Bring in a small wooden item that needs some love. and we'll treat it with the tonic free!

receive a free flavora \$4.99 value.

#### **Block Oil<sup>®</sup>**

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**Planter from Salvaged Items** 

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Bring in a small salvaged item.

We'll supply the soil and

succulents to transform it

into a planter.

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fun planter! Bring in a small salvaged item,

suitable to hold dirt, and we'll help you create a

### **Donate! Dress for Success® Collection**

Our Ladies' Night will once again also serve as a donation drop-off for Dress for Success, whose mission is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support, and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. Dress for Success offers services designed to help its clients find jobs and remain employed. Each Dress for Success client receives one suit when she has a job interview and can return for a second suit or separates when she finds work. Our lifestyles and even work attire have become so casual over the last few years, many of us have professional clothing that we no longer need. This is your chance to help someone in our community who can use this clothing. A tax

donation form will be provided at the time of your donation. During Ladies' Night last year, we collected 326 articles of clothing and accessories valued at \$4,475-let's see if we can top that this year!

The following is a list of appropriate clothing and other items acceptable to donate:

- Matching suit (jacket and pant/skirt)
- · Interview-appropriate blouses, skirts, slacks, and dresses
- Above clothing must be on hangers—no bags, please.
  - Work-appropriate shoes
  - Jewelry and scarves
  - Handbags (briefcases, portfolios, or workappropriate purses)



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### **Repair Referral Service**

COLE HARDWARE'S Repair Referral Service was created to introduce our customers to the finest contractors and tradespeople we know. We have formed alliances with independent businesspeople in order to provide you with the very best in home repair, maintenance, and remodeling. Some jobs may even be performed by qualified members of our staff. We provide referrals for:

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Deck, Balcony, and Stair Waterproofing: A Great Company for a Serious Problem!

The Mission Dolores in San Francisco was founded in 1776. The first rain leaks showed up shortly thereafter. Unfortunately, the padres of the mission didn't have the services of a good waterproofer available to them. Fortunately, you do.

Mike and Adam and the rest of their crew have been working on all kinds of building leaks for decades. In fact, Adam and several other team members are multigenerational leak fixers who spent the summers as kids working side-by-side with their dads learning a good work ethic and the tricks of the trade.

These days, Mike and Adam have become the premiere deck waterproofing contractor in the City. We asked them, as one of our preferred contractors, to discuss what they do and to give our readers some important tips on how to properly maintain a waterproof structure. Here's what they told us.

### Do You Have a "Waterproof" Deck, Balcony, or Stair?

There are two ways to approach building a deck, balcony, or stair, and most folks don't clearly understand the difference between them. The simplest way to explain the difference is to ask what would happen if water got under them.

- Non-Water-Bearing Systems: If water can pass through the system and drip below without a problem, then you have a non-water-bearing system. These are often made of redwood but may also be steel, concrete, or synthetic wood.
- Waterproof Systems: If there is a garage, kitchen, bedroom, or other room underneath the deck, balcony, or stair that must stay dry, then you have a waterproof system.

Non-water-bearing systems have very different maintenance and replacement requirements than their waterproof cousins. This article is dedicated to understanding and caring for waterproof balconies, stairs, and decks.

What Kind of Waterproof System Do You Have? The waterproof systems most typical in the Bay Area fall into three categories: hot asphalt, sheet membranes, and coatings.

- Hot asphalt is the oldest of these systems and is only correctly used under a protective system like concrete or tile.
- Sheet membranes include peel-and-stick modified asphalt installed under concrete and decorative vinyl that is installed as the finished surface.
- Coatings are both the most common system and the most diverse. They may be used under concrete or be installed as the finished walking surface. This group includes modified cement, acrylic, urethane, and polyurea. Modified cement may look like cement, brick, stone, or tile, while acrylic, urethane, and polyurea typically look like a painted surface.

#### How Do You Maintain Your Waterproof Deck, Balcony, or Stair?

The following steps will save you a lot of money over the life of your waterproof structure:

- Know what kind of structure you have, so you can maintain it properly. Different decks, for instance, require different maintenance steps. Some must be resealed every 2 years, 5 years, or 10 years. Some decks should not be caulked, while others should be. Some work can be done by a homeowner, while other work must be done by a professional.
- Keep it clean! Your drains should be free flowing and without obstructions.
- Inspect regularly. What you can't see may be hurting you. You should periodically check the entire surface for damage or signs of trouble.
- Don't ignore "little problems." Left unaddressed, they can lead to huge paint, drywall, carpet, and dry rot repair expenses. Maintenance in time saves way more than a dime.

#### How Do You Solve Leaks?

Some owners are proactive enough that leaks never occur in the waterproofing system. However, many



Mike and Adam can keep your structures waterproof.

systems are not attended to until leaks are discovered. Some systems are very easily repaired, while others can only be replaced. If you have a waterproof coating, simply cleaning and caulking may do the trick. If you have a membrane under tile or concrete, replacement is usually the only effective solution.

If you know the type of system you have, and you are the do-it-yourself type, you can find solutions on the Internet for some systems. If you are unsure what you have, or if you are not a DIY person, feel free to contact Mike or Adam via our Repair Referral Service at 415/753-2653 ext. 3 or homerepair@colehardware.com. They are happy to offer free advice over the phone or provide free inspections on-site.

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## WHAT'S UNIQUE

## **FlexPro<sup>™</sup> Hand Sander**

FlexPro Ultimate hand sander tool is a very simple, smart idea that revolutionizes the old way of hand sanding. The ergonomic handle provides a natural grip for any angle or hand position, allowing easier access of hard-to-reach places and providing efficient and consistent sanding. The tool comes with three color-coded Velcro®-backed sandpaper grits. Stretch to sand a corner without contorting your

hand. Once you pick one up, you'll find it hard to let go. (Sku 150000, \$14.99)

Invariable, this sponge will drop (while you're on a ladder





## **Charg Card** Rechargeable Battery

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Unfortunately we're so reliant on our cell phones nowadays that when the battery dies, we're practically rendered helpless and out of touch. The Charg Card is perfect for those instances when you're on the go and run out of juice. This USB-powered charger works with most phones and tablets, providing up to nine hours of talk time for a mobile device and over five hours of Internet time for a tablet. Thin enough to keep in a wallet or glove box, the Charg Card also provides up to 120 hours of standby power. (Sku 306100, \$13.99)

## **Christophe Pourny Furniture Tonic**

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Christophe Pourny Furniture Tonic nurtures wood as it restores the luster and shine that time and sun can diminish. The tonic is made from natural, nontoxic ingredients that are friendly to the environment and sourced in North America. Organic linseed and walnut oils are natural cures for wood worn by time. Essential oils and beeswax are added to every bottle, as well as a natural cleanser

and drying agent. The tonic is mixed by hand in small batches. Available in a 200-milliliter bottle (about 6.7 ounces). (Sku 102103, \$17.99)

Available

colors!

# Night Demo

Ladies

### **Cole Hardware Rewards**

#### **Rewards member benefits:**

- Hardware Hotline, our monthly newsletter full of valuable information and promotions.
- ➡ Free delivery in San Francisco with \$100 purchase.
- New members receive an instant 5% discount on their first purchase for joining and a \$5 coupon toward their subsequent purchase of \$25.
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## **RETR-O-PHONE**

Many households these days have done away with landlines. While we still like to gab on the phone, the size and shape of our mobile phones can be awkward to hold for extended chats. The Retr-O-Phone combines a classic

phone handset with today's technology, allowing you to plug in to your mobile phone for a comfortable conversation. Available in assorted colors, the Retr-O-Phone also eliminates over 99% of absorbed radiation and fits most cell phones. (Sku 341650, \$12.99)

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## FROM THE GARDEN CENTER

Visit our garden centers at the Cole Street, Polk Street, and Mission Street stores.

## In the Garden **October Garden Tasks**

Tips from Dennis and Bill

Warm weather and careful care have likely yielded abundant harvests and robust plants in your garden this October. There is a good chance we will enjoy a typical San Francisco Indian summer this month, providing continued pleasant weather to work in the vard. As the weather starts to cool, it is not time to put away your gardening tools and gloves just yet-October is one of the best months to plant everything from perennials to annual seeds to shrubs and trees.

✓ Most veggie plants require a full six hours of sun per day. Since fall provides fewer hours of daylight than the summer did, you may need to relocate your plots if you are trying to stretch a bit more production out of your summer produce plants.



 Planting seeds or transplants are both options, but transplants ensure your best opportunity to have thriving plants in fall's shorter season. Broccoli,

cabbage, kale, spinach, leeks, radishes, turnips, lettuce, and cover crops such as fava beans are all good to plant now.

✓ If you are replanting in your summer plot, remove any debris and pull up weeds before they go to seed. Fluff compacted soil and add any amendments needed for your new plants. Finally, a 2-inch layer of compost or fertilizer will give your plants an extra boost of nutrients.



 Purchase spring flowering bulbs and plant daffodil, narcissus, iris, and crocus. Plant in full sun in a well-drained area, as overly wet soil will lead to fungus and disease for your bulbs. Chill tulip and hyacinth bulbs in the refrigerator and wait

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until November to plant them.

✓ Divide any overgrown perennials now. On an overcast day, water the plant thoroughly, and then dig it up and split the roots into smaller plants with a sharp garden knife or shovel. Plant these newly

divided plants at the same depth as the original was, water well, and shade for a few days.

✓ Feed established azaleas. camellias, and rhododendrons a bud-and-bloom promoting formula. E.B. Stone<sup>™</sup> Organic Ultra Bloom<sup>™</sup> plant food is a good choice. (Sku 745024, \$7.99)



Sow wildflower seeds now for

spring blooms, including larkspur, nigella, and sweet pea. All you need to do is clear an area, throw the seeds, cover with a fine layer of compost, and mist.

Ladies' Night Project

Stop by our Cole Street garden center for all your gardening needs. The advice is free from the Garden Guys, Dennis and Bill. E-mail them with any questions: dennis@colehardware.com or blitz@colehardware.com.



✓ Rake up any fallen leaves and pull up drying annuals. Fall cleanup is important to keeping your garden free of pests and disease.

✓ Consider soil amendments to boost the color of your hydrangea blooms.

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These perennials adore rich, well-drained soil. To get a pinker hue, add lime to your soil; for a bluer color, add aluminum sulfate. White hydrangeas cannot be manipulated to

other shades, but they may change color with age.

 Discourage snails and slugs by placing crushed eggshells, saucers of beer, or coffee grounds around plants. Or try Sluggo<sup>®</sup>. (Sku 7117120, \$10.49)

See you in the garden!



## **Salvage Planters**

These boots are made for walking! Well, they were until they were destined for the trash. But, not to worry! We salvaged them and made them into cool planters that could welcome any weary traveler on the front porch of your home next to a fun coir doormat.

Use your creativity and bring a small, fun, salvaged item to our Ladies' Night on October 8, and we'll help you reinvent your vessel into a planter that will add a unique flair to your garden, patio, or porch. We'll supply the soil, charcoal, gravel, moss, and succulent plants.

Can't make it to Ladies' Night? Here's all you need to do.

- For planters with drainage:
- · Add a layer of moss.
- Add a layer of gravel. • Add a layer of charcoal.
- Add soil.
- Add some fertilizer—we
- recommend Bio-tone® Starter Plus. (Sku 7208655, \$12.99) • Create a hole with a pencil
- and insert the plant. For planters without drainage, skip the layer

of moss on the bottom.

Our friendly garden center team is always on hand to answer any questions, too!

#### Bring a small Before salvaged item to our Ladies' Night October 8 and we'll provide the supplies for your project.





Holly-tone is a proprietary blend of plant food for acid-loving plants. Made with the finest ingredients available, its natural organics breaking down gradually to provide a safe, long-lasting food reserve activated

throughout the growing season to ensure superior development and blooms. Feed acid-loving plants, including azaleas, rhododendrons, evergreens, and hollies, twice a yearspring and fall. Since plants grow less in the autumn and winter months, use half the recommended rate in the fall application. (Sku 7122773, \$9.99)



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## HONORING OUR TRADESWOMEN

## **Ladies of Our Repair Referral Service**

COLE HARDWARE'S Repair Referral Service offers our customers an easy and dependable connection to the finest contractors and tradespeople we know. In honor of Ladies' Night, happening in all of our stores on October 8, we'd like to introduce you to a few of the women we've partnered with in our Repair Referral Service. Many will be joining the fun on Ladies' Night to give further information about their respective services, share tips, and perform some demos over a glass of wine or two!



#### Get Organized— **Reclaim Time**, Space, Money, **Resources**, and Control

Meet Debra: Debra is a life organizer who collaborates with clients to edit, transform, and reclaim their

home and work spaces while providing them the support and skills needed to maintain them. She believes becoming organized is about finding and putting into practice the best ways to support and empower you in all your endeavors, while giving you the ability to live more fully and sustainably. Clients have praised Debra for being nonjudgmental, fun to work with, and refreshingly efficient in helping them get and stay organized. Debra has been a certified San Francisco Green Business since 2008.



#### **See Your Design** + Build Dreams **Come True**

Meet Gina: Gina's team collaborates with clients to design and build environments in San Francisco that improve the functionality and value of their homes.

Gina can provide design and direction that includes the latest in building technology and code compliances, while maintaining a property's original design and craftsmanship. She has over 20 years of design, management, and delivery expertise, frequently across complex projects and customer requirements. She takes pride in delivering excellent customer service in ensuring projects are completed



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on time and on budget. To see some of Gina's work, look no farther than our Cole Street location's renovated facade!



A few samples of Gina's elegant work October 2014



#### **Enjov Ouality Results on Your Next Painting** Project

Meet Mauricia: Mauricia is a professional painter working in San Francisco and throughout the Bay Area. She provides interior

and decorative painting, murals, faux finishing, restoration, antiquing, color matching, distressing, wood graining, marbleizing, floor painting, glazing, stenciling, and more! She has worked to upgrade and enhance spaces in private residences, restaurants, and offices. COLE HARDWARE customers have raved about her great attention to detail, communication skills, and professionalism in projects ranging from faux finishing a fireplace to match an antique cherry

wood desk to cleaning, scraping, and staining a redwood fence "with great love and care.'



Exterior mural

#### **Get Top-Notch Green Residential** and Commercial **Cleaning Services**

Meet Suzanne: Suzanne is the assistant director of a residential and commercial cleaning service. They are a nonprofit dedicated to

providing a living wage and benefits for their highly trained and reliable cleaning staff. What sets their service apart from other cleaning services is that the welfare of their cleaners is just as important as satisfied customers. They use completely green products. One COLE HARDWARE customer marveled at how her old double-hung, picture, and swivel windows on the eighth floor were transformed from "ocean-air encrusted" to "sparkly clean" after working with Suzanne's organization.

#### **Eradicate Air Contaminants in Your** Home or Office

Meet Michelle: Michelle works for a family company of indoor air quality consultants. They have been working throughout the Bay Area since 2001. They test for water leaks using infrared technology, and they also test for asbestos, bacteria, mold, lead-based paint, and VOCs. All of these harmful substances can create health issues, many of which can become serious after prolonged exposure. Independence from any construction, remediation, or abatement companies means Michelle does not have any financial interest in finding or not finding

contamination in your space. If detected, she will help find the source of pollutants and develop a plan for you or your contractors to clean up your air and create a healthier environment to live or work in.



#### Make Over a Space by Hanging New Wallpaper

Meet Susan: Susan is a San Francisco native who has been serving the greater Bay Area's wallpaper installation needs for over 30 years! She offers only the

very best and latest in installation techniques. Susan is experienced with all major types of wall coverings: anaglypta, inlaid wood veneer, glass beads, metallic, natural fiber, hand-printed, murals, and nonwovens. She provides full-service, quality preparation, removal, repairs, and installation for today's more challenging wall coverings. Thrilled customers have been delighted with results from small jobs, such as papering the inside of a book case, to more complicated projects like one that involved scaffolding around a spiral staircase. Rest easy knowing your small or large job is in the hands of a dedicated professional.



Susan's amazing bathroom transformation



Susan's wallpaper made this bedroom luxurious.

#### Freshen Up Your Floors with New Carpeting

Meet Liz: Liz grew up in San Francisco and has worked for small, independently owned companies around the Bay Area all her life. For the last 15 years, she has been wowing customers in her career as a carpet and flooring professional. Liz will come on-site to consult on a vision for your space, taking into account style, activity in the area, soundproofing concerns, budget, and a number of other factors that the average consumer might never think to consider without her expert advice! She will bring samples and oversee installation to ensure that it is completed in a timely and high-quality manner.

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## WHAT'S IN SEASON

## **Fun Candy Corn Facts**

- Candy corn was invented in 1880 and was first called "Chicken Feed," since it was made to resemble corn, which is what farmers would feed to their chickens
- The Jelly Belly Candy Company (originally called the Goelitz Confection Company) has the longest history of candy corn production in the industry, and though its method has changed (since the candy is no longer produced by hand!), it still uses the original recipe consisting of sugar, corn syrup, vanilla flavor, marshmallow crème, and fondant.
- Candy corn was not originally intended to be associated with Halloween or the harvest season,

since chicken feed (the original name) was a part of daily life year-round for many Americans

- The Goelitz company only ran production of the candy from April through November due to the tedious production process involved in making it by hand.
- According to the National Confectioner Association, these days more than 35 million pounds of candy corn is produced each year.
- In 1950, the price of candy corn was just 25 cents per pound.
- Although Halloween is generally considered the biggest candy corn holiday, candy corn technically has its very own holiday: October 30 is National Candy Corn Day.

Candy Corn

(Sku 9101338, \$2.79)

(Sku 9294208, \$5.99)

**Light Strand** 



## The Tale of the Jack-o'-Lantern

Jack-o'-lanterns are a great part of the Halloween fun, whether you take up a carving knife to make your own or enjoy admiring the creativity of others as the season's brigade of glowing pumpkins takes to stoops and balconies around the City. Jack-o'lanterns have become one of the most anticipated and commonly recognized symbols of Halloween. Lanterns were originally carved out of turnips and potatoes in Ireland and Scotland, and beets were used in England. Immigrants brought this tradition to America, where pumpkins are plentiful and make the perfect jack-o'-lantern.

**Pumpkin Tealight** 

(Sku 933108, \$2.99)

Pumpkin

**Decorative Gourds 5/Pk.** (Sku 7372691, \$4.99)

\$8.99)

Holder



**Mini Pumpkin** Tealights (Sku 9293184, \$7.99)

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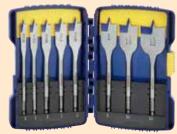
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### **Pumpkin Carving Tips**

Try something a little different-experiment with some of these creative designer pumpkin ideas in addition to, or instead of, your traditional jack-o'-lanterns this year! Painted pumpkins, polka-dot pumpkins, and hardware-adorned pumpkins create the opportunities for playful, interesting, and even elegant Halloween displays.



**Boring Bit Set:** A clean, perfect circle, once the most difficult shape to carve, is effortless using a boring bit attached to your drill. Press the tip of the bit into the pumpkin



and drill gradually. Easy does it on the drill trigger; otherwise, you'll rip the skin off your pumpkin. (Sku 2114189, \$24.99)



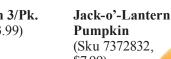
X-ACTO<sup>®</sup> Knife: For detail work on your jack-o'-lantern, an X-ACTO knife works like magic to create any face you like. X-ACTO knives are useful to shave off bits of pumpkin skin, enabling you to create spooky layered effects, too. X-ACTO knives are available in a variety of blade sizes. (Sku 23977, \$5.99)

**Preservation Tip:** Mix a little bleach with some water in a spray bottle and mist the inside of your carved pumpkins to prolong their freshness and prevent mold from growing. Try Seventh Generation nonchlorine bleach. (Sku 113014, \$5.99)



**Plastic Pumpkin Pail** (Sku 9815077, \$3.99)

> **Decorative Corn 3/Pk.** (Sku 7372626, \$3.99)



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— Rick Karp, President, aka Keeper of the Karma

## **ENVIRONMENTAL INFO**

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## **Recycle Every Day:** Small Consumer Electronics

In partnership with GreenCitizen, our stores offer everyday recycling of small consumer electronics. Due to our lack of storage space, recycled items can be no bigger than a desktop computer. GreenCitizen recycles all electronic items under stringent environmental and health regulations in the United States. This process ensures that all heavy metals and toxins in electronic items are reclaimed, reused, or properly disposed of rather than being sent overseas or to the landfill. For larger items, GreenCitizen offers convenient and accountable electronics recycling to Bay Area customers with six locations. The City location is at 590 Howard Street, close to our downtown Cole Fox Store. Visit www.greencitizen.com for hours and drop off times.

#### **Electronics we CAN accept:**

- Cell phones
- Tablets
- Laptops
- Desktops and monitors
- Stereo equipment
- DVD players and VCRs
- Console video games
- Wiring and cables
- Small appliances (for example, toasters, blenders, hair dryers)



#### We CANNOT accept:

- Smoke and CO detectors
- Anything with mercury: thermometers, thermostats
- Film
- Medical devices: anything that came in contact with bodily fluids

### These items must be dropped off at GreenCitizen:

• Tape-based media: VHS tapes, floppy disks, cassette tapes

Wednesday, October 15,

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

**3312 Mission Street** 

- Styrofoam
- Items with sensitive data

#### **SCRAP-py Halloween Workshop** and Fashions

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## Recycle at Cole Hardware!

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Bring to any of our four stores: NEW! BRITA PRODUCTS:

Includes filters, pitchers, bottles, and dispensers.

NEW! SMALL CONSUMER ELECTRONICS:

Items up to the size of a desktop computer.

**CELL PHONES:** Personal cell

phones—batteries

and chargers not required.

**BATTERIES:** Bechargeable (NiCad

Rechargeable (NiCad, NiMH) and household (alkaline and carbon). OLD PAINT:

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- Recycle dry, clean, empty metal paint cans through your regular trash pickup. The paint containers you bring to us should have paint in them!
- No handwritten labels can be accepted.
- Be sure that lids are SEALED ON TIGHT and containers are rust-free and don't leak.



- Please limit your drop-offs to no more than five 1-gallon-size containers (or 20 quart-size containers or a combination of both) at a time. Containers are counted by size, not by the volume of paint they contain.
- Take paint to the customer service desk.
- PLEASE, no brushes or rags! **PROPANE TANKS:**

Small (14 or 16.9 oz.), empty, nonrefillable propane cylinders only. Household only. Limit 5 per visit.

SCRAP METAL: Copper and brass.

#### SPENT FLUORESCENT BULBS:

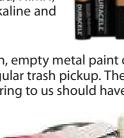
CFLs, tubes up to 8 feet, U- and D-shaped tubes. Drop-off limit is 10 bulbs.

**EXPIRED PRINTER CARTRIDGES:** Must be in plastic bags to

avoid leakage. SOFT PLASTIC:

Clean plastic only. Households only. One basketball-size amount per visit, please.

For Bay Area recycling resources, visit www.colehardware.com/recycle.htm



## **BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY**

## **Be Prepared**

As the recent Napa earthquake and 25th anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake remind us, a natural disaster can occur any time or place. Whether or not your home has a fully prepared

emergency kit in the event of an earthquake, power outage, or other disaster, the following items are basic essentials that everyone should keep on hand.

**Gas/water shutoff tool:** Keep the gas shutoff wrench near your gas meter for quick access, and know how to use it if you have a leak. (Gas Wrench: Sku 4008801, \$8.99; Gas/Water Wrench Set: Sku 47513, \$16.99)







Food and can opener:

Canned foods that are easy to

prepare are good as an emergency

food source and have a long shelf life.

of the house, if possible, and for every family or household member. The Larry 2 flashlight features a 180° rotating

magnetic clip for hands-free use and 12 LED bulbs with 160 lumen output. (Sku 300032, \$16.99)

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Batteries: Make sure you are well stocked with batteries for flashlights and radios. Batteries do have a shelf life, so keep your supply fresh.



First-aid kit:

In addition to a

basic first-aid kit

(Sku 9038274,

\$24.99), also

keep a supply of

your prescription

Flashlight:

Have a working

flashlight on

medications.

LED lantern: Battery-operated LED lanterns are much safer than lit candles during an emergency or power outage. (Sku 3257912, \$34.99)



Museum Wax: Place all heavy objects on low shelves, in closets, or on the floor. Secure lightweight collectibles with "pebbles" of

QUICK STRAP 50 6 -

Quake Hold<sup>™</sup> **Furniture Safety** Straps: Attach tall furniture to wall studs to prevent it

from falling over. Furniture safety straps are easy to use, inexpensive, and available in assorted colors to blend in with wood finishes. (Skus 515210-1, 5165667, 91, \$12.99)

Water Heater Restraints: Water heaters are required to be securely anchored to wall studs or masonry with metal straps and lag screws. (Sku 4020863, \$18.99)



## **Home Safety**

Disasters-especially earthquakes-create fire hazards, including broken gas mains and gas leaks, which can be ignited by sparks or open flames. With care, you can protect your family and home. October is Fire Prevention Month, providing a reminder to check your home for safety as well as to minimize fire risks.

#### **Fire Prevention**

• Secure gas heaters and use flexible gas hoses in gas-powered appliances. Know how to identify gas leaks. Signs of a leak include a strong gas smell and a rapidly moving gas meter (check the wheels without numbers, found above or below the row of numbered wheels). If there is a gas leak, shut down the gas main in your building. Remember, once you shut off your gas, only the power company can turn it back on.

• Check all product labels for flammability. Keep flammable liquids (solvents, fuels, acetone, pressurized cans) away



from water heaters and stoves. Keep flammable materials away from heat sources. For example, keep curtains, upholstered furnishings, and bedclothes away from portable heaters.

#### Preparation

• Emergency ladders: If all or part of your home is above the ground

> floor, keep a sturdy rope or emergency ladder in all upper floors (make sure they are long enough to reach the ground safely). • Fire Extinguishers:

The National Fire Protection Association

recommends at least one extinguisher for every 600 square feet of living area. Fire extinguishers should be located on every level of a building, and kitchens, garages, and basements should each have their own. Do not mount extinguishers close to a location where a fire might occur (such as a stove)-the user should not risk reaching into a fire or going into a burning area to get a fire extinguisher.

• Put a date on each extinguisher (with permanent ink) and have it checked by a professional every three years. Check it yourself twice a year (use the spring and



fall time changes as your cue). Make sure the needle is still in the green zone and invert the extinguisher slowly, five times, to insure the materials in it have not settled. Note: Once an extinguisher is used, even partially, you must have it recharged by a professional! Consider purchasing 5-pound, 3A 40BC fire extinguishers with metal handles and rubber hoses. Metal handles are sturdier than plastic, and the rubber hose helps to aim the extinguishing agent.

#### **Accident Prevention**

• Self-adhesive safety treads help prevent slips and falls in heavy traffic areas. Install on steps, ladders, and ramps. The



nonslip tread design provides traction in a wide range of applications. Available in assorted colors in a 2-inch x 5-yard roll. (Sku 1009273, \$16.99)

• Wrap-N-Strap<sup>®</sup> is an adjustable cord organizer consisting of a rubber strap and plastic fastener for attachment. The strap attaches to the plug end of an electrical cord. Bundle or coil the cord,



stretch the rubber strap around the bundle, and secure it with the fastener. The Wrap-N-Strap stays attached to the cordalways ready for use to keep cords secured safely. (Sku 316005, \$1.99)

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Radio: A battery-operated

radio will keep you informed of what is happening. The Eton<sup>™</sup> radio has a rechargeable battery that is solar or

Water: Keep

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of water per

person per day

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for three days.

crank charged. (Sku 3258514, \$44.99)



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## **Spare Change Collection**

Our August spare change collection and bucket sale event netted \$1,956.33 for UCSF Benioff

Children's Helping Local Kids

Children's Hospital in Miracle Network Hospitals Oakland. This now brings the grand total size the grand total since our program began to

\$22,947.51! Our September collection was earmarked for SCRAP (Scroungers' Center for Reusable Art Parts), whose mission is to stimulate creativity

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and environmental awareness in children and adults through promoting the creative reuse of materials that traditionally have been discarded as waste.

We'll report those numbers to vou next month.

During October, our spare change collection will benefit Dress for Success<sup>®</sup>, a wonderful organization that provides suitable work clothing for disadvantaged women entering the workforce. See the full article on page 2,



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sixties and seventies. Today's Haight-Ashbury offers some of the City's most colorful "painted ladies," restored to their original Victorian elegance and updated to today's lifestyles. Interiors of eight beautiful homes will be open to the public for touring on Sunday, October 19, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Docents will be on hand to provide a historical background on each house's

architect, contractor, craftspeople, and the families who settled there.

**The Victorian** 

The Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood

The Victorian Alliance of San Francisco is

pleased to announce its 42nd Anniversary

House Tour. The Haight Street cable cars of

1883 transported San Franciscans to a

sparkling array of newly constructed homes

located alongside the Panhandle of Golden Gate Park. Having escaped the devastating fires of 1906, these homes have also survived

the housing partitions of WWII and

**Alliance Fall** 

**House Tour** 

Sunday, October 19

Prices for the tour range from \$35 to \$50. Discounts are available for Victorian Alliance members, groups of 10 or more, and purchases made before October 10.

Enter to win a pair of tickets!

Enter to win a pair of tickets valued at \$100! E-mail hotline@ colehardware.com the word "Tour" in the subject line by Wednesday, October 15.

For more information, visit www .VictorianAlliance.org or call 415/343-5962.





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— Rick Karp, President, aka Keeper of the Karma





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