

Boston Building Materials Co-op and Building Materials Resource Center



Fall 2010 Workshop Schedule

Pest Prevention

Only \$10!

Fall is the time of year when rodents, especially mice, start seeking warmer shelter. Will they be looking to move in to your home? During this program, we will explore pests in Boston, the importance of exclusion, tools and traps, and control measures. We will also discuss what homeowners and residents of multi-family communities can do to combat and manage household pests. Bring your questions and concerns. We can answer your questions about ants, bedbugs, cockroaches, termites, and other pests (four- and six-legged) of the home and neighborhood. Receive a \$10 Co-op store credit upon completing the class.

Don Rivard managed a large pest control service company for 22 years and started his consulting company 16 years ago. He works with the Boston Public Schools, the Boston Housing Authority, the Boston Public Health Commission, and others. He has served as president and executive director of the New England Pest Management Association.

Saturday, September 25

10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Workshop policies

Participants may register for classes in person, by phone, or via mail. **Payment must be made at the time of registration.** Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. If registering by mail, call first to check workshop availability.

If you are unable to attend and wish to cancel your registration, you may do so under the following conditions:

- 1 If cancellation occurs at least one week (seven days) or more before the class, you may receive a refund, less a \$5.00 registration fee.
- 2 If cancellation occurs by 4:30 p.m. on the Tuesday before the class, you may receive a class credit, less a \$5.00 registration fee.
- 3 All other cancellations are nonrefundable and nontransferable.

Installing Storm Windows and Storm Doors

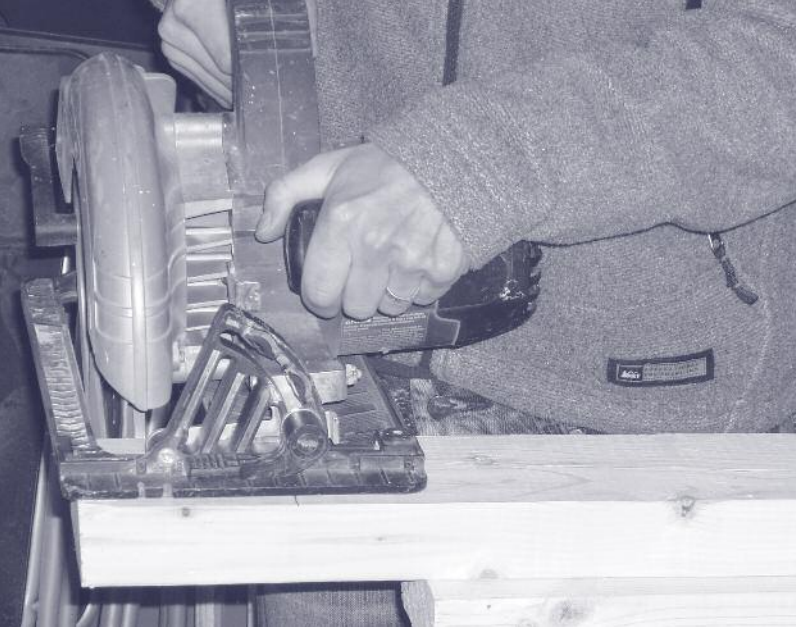
High-quality storm windows and doors can go a long way to reducing energy loss in your home without the higher cost of replacement windows and without compromising the home's architectural style. With the right tools and an understanding of how to do the work, a homeowner can take on this job him- or herself. You will also learn how to measure when ordering storms.

Pernell Jackson is a contractor with experience in a wide variety of areas. He is a Boston Building Materials Co-op staff member.

Saturday, October 2

10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.





Introduction to Power Tools

Learn about and try the most common and useful power tools for home repair and renovation. We'll work with the power drill, circular saw, mitre saw, jigsaw, Sawzall, and screw gun. We will cover the various uses of each tool as well as how to change a blade and set the desired angle. You will gain an understanding of how to use the tools safely. We will have time to try out all of these tools and practice a little with some of them.

Becky Pierce has been a self-employed carpenter for 29 years. She typically works alone, likes solving complicated problems, and enjoys restoring older homes. She has been a Co-op member since 1993.

Saturday, October 30

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Installing Replacement Windows

You don't have to be a carpenter to install replacement windows. What you do need are the right tools and a clear understanding of how to proceed. Learn how to measure for new windows, take out existing ones, and prepare the openings. You will also learn techniques for keeping new windows square during installation in old window frames.

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Saturday, October 16

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Window Rehab

With a few simple tools and a little knowledge, you can make double-hung windows work properly, keep out drafts, and eliminate the annoyance of broken ropes and rattling sashes. Many local homeowners decide to replace their house's original windows with expensive new ones when some simple and inexpensive improvements will make the existing windows more energy-efficient—for a lot less money than replacements. Learn how to disassemble double-hung windows, replace ropes, restore sashes, reinforce loose joints, and weatherstrip.

Steve Gentile has been in the window restoration business for more than 15 years, specializing in restoring and weatherizing double-hung windows. His company is Arborway Construction.

Saturday, October 23

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Tiling

This popular hands-on workshop will cover all aspects of tiling. Learn about ceramic and stone tile, including materials, layout, cutting, and installation. Applications in bathrooms and kitchens will be addressed, and hands-on training will help participants learn tile-setting techniques. Whether you have a tiling project in mind or just want to better understand how tiles stay up on the walls, this class will stick with you!

Jimmy Douglass is a licensed and registered home improvement contractor with a construction supervisor license and is owner of Hub Home Services. He has extensive experience in all types of tile setting and has taught numerous tiling workshops.

Saturday, November 13

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.



Kitchen Design, Parts I and II

The kitchen is the heart of one's home, and this two-part workshop will cover everything you need to know to design a kitchen that fits your lifestyle. In Part I, we start with a basic floor plan and cover the myriad of variables that must be considered for a kitchen layout: appliance standards, door and window openings, storage needs, budget, and more. In Part II, we will examine cabinets and countertops—the many materials, styles, and price ranges available. Participants may submit floor plans of their individual projects, and one will be chosen at random for examination in greater detail. Designing a kitchen can seem overwhelming at first, but taken step by step, it is fun and exciting to create a design that suits your family's needs and budget. This popular class fills up quickly! Participants must enroll in both Parts I and II.

Kim Eifrid, a Co-op kitchen specialist, brings more than 20 years of experience in the retail hardware business along with his creative edge in kitchen design.

Part I: Saturday, November 6 1:30–4:00 p.m.
Part II: Wednesday, November 17 6:00–8:30 p.m.

Heating Systems—Simplified

Many homeowners think of a heating system as “the monster in the basement,” but in reality, heating systems are not as intimidating as they may seem. In this class, we'll cover hot water, forced hot air, and steam systems. We'll explain how the furnace generates heat and how it is transported to your living area. You'll receive answers to questions such as, “Why are some rooms in my house cold and others hot?” and “What is that banging I hear when the heat comes on?” We'll also discuss ways to improve energy efficiency, review the cost-effectiveness of insulating pipes, and demonstrate how to do preventive maintenance and adjustments.

Brad White is an HVAC engineer at TMP Consulting Engineers of Boston with more than 25 years experience in the design of heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems. Brad is LEED accredited (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and has been a valued Co-op workshop teacher for many years.

Saturday, November 20 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.



Weatherizing Your Home

With today's high energy prices, you can't afford to let warm air leak out of your home. Learn how to fix drafty doors and windows and to identify other places in your house where heat is escaping. This hands-on workshop will review different weatherization products and how to install them, including water and steam pipe insulation, door kits and sweeps, caulking, and gap-sealing foam. We'll also discuss more advanced weatherizing techniques. This workshop will be held at a home in Cambridge.

Paul Kiefer is on staff at the Building Materials Resource Center. He has advised hundreds of individuals and groups on home weatherization projects. Paul also has more than 20 years' experience in woodworking.

Saturday, December 11 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Window and Screen Repair Clinic *Free!*

Make your house look its best and save money by learning to fix broken windows and torn screens yourself. Just bring in the window or screen that needs repair, and we'll show you the rest. Then come back any time to do other repairs yourself. It's easier than you think! You pay for materials only.

**Saturdays: September 11, October 2,
November 6, December 4, January 8 9:00–10:00 a.m.**
Preregistration required

Please feel free to park on Terrace Street when attending a workshop. The weekday two-hour parking limit is not in effect on Saturdays.

All workshops are held at Boston Building Materials Co-op unless otherwise noted.

Workshop Registration Form

Workshop Fees:

To register: The best way to ensure that you get into the workshop(s) you want is to call us at **617.442.2262** to ask if there is still space, then use your MasterCard or Visa to guarantee your spot. You may also use the form below and send it, together with your payment, to BBMC, 100 Terrace Street, Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120-2418. *Space is limited, so please register early.*

Pest Prevention

Co-op Member \$10 BMRC Member \$10 General Public \$10
\$10 Co-op store credit will be issued upon completing the class

Heating Systems

Co-op Member \$35 BMRC Member \$25 General Public \$60

All Other Workshops

Co-op Member \$45 BMRC Member \$35 General Public \$70

Name _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Work/Cell (_____) _____

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- I am a member of the Boston Building Materials Co-op.**
- I am a member of the Building Materials Resource Center.**
- I would like to receive information about the Boston Building Materials Co-op and the Building Materials Resource Center** *(circle one or both).*

Please register me for the following workshop(s): Date:

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