



# handsOn

A Newsletter of the  
Boston Building Materials Co-op and  
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## Days of Our Drives

By Leslie Hunt

You have to hand it to the BMRC truck staff! They travel the roads of eastern Massachusetts, knowing where they are going and why, but never really knowing exactly what they'll find there. Most of the time they meet fine people, collect good donations, and finish the day without incident.

But unpredictable things happen. Like the time one of our drivers was asked if he and his co-worker did trash removal. They said no, something the homeowner knew already from previous conversations. Still not satisfied, the fellow grabbed our driver's cell phone and refused to give it back until he was assured he could talk to the "top boss," who, of course, gave him the same unwanted answer.

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**Don't Throw It Away. . . Donate!** Dan Zobel, left, and Lionel Velasquez are ready to pick up your unused building materials.

## Restoring Window Sashes *(first of a 2-part series)*

By Don Malloy

Should I replace my windows or can they be restored? More and more, people are appreciating the architectural significance, detail, and simplicity of design of their original, double-hung windows. Replacing vs. restoring is one of the most common dilemmas we see. While there is no absolute right answer, the option to restore often makes the most sense. This article will touch upon some of the issues you will face if you decide to restore, rather than replace, your double-hung windows.

Often, the windows in your home have served their purpose for 100 years or more and, naturally, have experienced wear and tear. Unless the windows are beyond hope, however, with some labor and basic materi-

als, they can usually be brought back to their original condition. It is not uncommon for houses with 20 or more windows to have a few that are beyond repair (that need to be replaced) and the rest just need some tender loving care.

Hiring a professional to do this work is one option. Depending on the amount of work required, prices could range from under \$100 per window for basic repairs to over \$250 per window for more involved restoration. If you do the work yourself, however, you will have difficulty spending more than \$50 per window, including using the highest quality repair parts! Adding new storm windows will, of course, be an additional expense.

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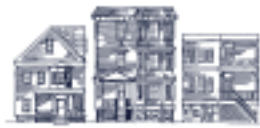
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# Co-Op News

## Your Garden Awaits! Gardening Products at the Co-op

By John Leek

The Co-op has expanded its stock of organic and natural gardening supplies and landscaping products. Ideal for replenishing urban growing spaces is compost, and the Co-op carries two of the best: **Greenleaf Compost**, made locally from Franklin Park Zoo manure, leaves and grass and **Gardener's Gold**, containing decomposed crab shells. The shells contain chitin (pronounced kite-in), a complex carbohydrate that has a unique ability to substantially increase water retention in soil and help get your garden and lawn through the dry spells.

**Organic fertilizers** release their nutrients slowly in a sustainable way that plants can efficiently utilize. **Pro-Gro 5-3-4** is a premium, general-purpose fertilizer made by North Country Organics in Vermont. Professional landscapers and vegetable growers love Pro-Gro because, with its dozens of natural ingredients and trace elements, it feeds

the soil, not the plants, resulting in plants that are more resistant to disease and predatory insects, and more nutritious and better tasting. **Neptune's Harvest Liquid Fertilizer** is made in Gloucester, MA from seaweed and fresh fish. Diluted with water, it's easy to use, outperforms chemical fertilizers, and has no odor. In fact, Neptune's Harvest is what the gigantic pumpkin growers use to produce those 1,000 lb. pumpkins at the Topsfield Fair!

The Co-op sells several gardening products that make use of recycled plastic. Our own **Rain Barrel** collects 55 gallons of water from your downspout, has all-brass valves (for hooking up your hose) and optional hardware to send overflow to your garden or to another barrel. You save on your water bill and have the satisfaction of being a resource-wise consumer, especially when using rain-water for your garden in drier

periods. **EcoPlanters** look like traditional terracotta planters but are sturdier and don't break. They come in three sizes and have a 20-year warranty. **BetterBarrels** are whiskey barrel look-alikes that are attractive, affordable, and impervious to rot. They also come with a 20-year warranty.

Keep your indoor and outdoor plantings free of insects and disease with natural insecticides. Choose from **Garlic Barrier**, a natural insect repellent, and **Green Light Organic**

**Tomato & Vegetable Spray**, a three-in-one broad-spectrum fungicide/insecticide/ miticide.

Finally, the Co-op carries a number of garden tools — everything from **compost aerators, trowels, cultivators, rakes** and **forks** to **hoes, pruners, loppers, pick mattocks, soaker and regular hoses**.

*John Leek is Retail Assistant at the Co-op and an avid organic gardener.*



## May Gardening Sale!

**5% off all Gardening Tools, Products, and Soil Amendments**



### Window Sale from June 1 - 30



*let the breeze in now...not  
in the  
winter*

June is the perfect time to be good to your home — and your heating bill. When the temperature drops in the fall, you'll be draft-free and warm with our excellent line of replacement windows. Stop in to the Boston Building Materials Co-op today for a free demonstration from our knowledgeable, experienced staff.

**Act now — replacement windows are on sale in June only.**

### Boston Building Materials Co-op

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Boston, MA 02120 www.bbmc.com



## Staff Profile: Don Malloy

By Meg Perkins-Ames



I recently sat down with Don Malloy, Sales, Technical, and Shop Guy at the Co-op. Don came to the Co-op in June of 2000 after 20 years of owning and running his own construction company, *Urban Carpentry in Cambridge*.

### What do you like about working at the Boston Building Materials Co-op?

I really like being able to put my experience in the building trades to good use. I never feel like my main purpose here is to sell products but more to help our customers make informed choices and provide them with as many options as we can. I also like being able to ride my bike or run to work every day.

### Is working at the Co-op the way you imagined it?

We do a lot more every day than I ever would have believed, everything from keeping up inventory, organizing classes, running a shop, and dealing with customers constantly. I pictured the Co-op as maybe a little more laid back, but it is far from that!

### What are some of your other interests?

I keep my hand in the trades by doing large and small projects at the oversized multi-family home in East Cambridge where I live. I will be shingling the walls forever. (Fortunately, I enjoy it.) I am also active in endurance type sports including swimming, biking, and running. I am a moderately competitive athlete and travel all around New England and sometimes the world participating in races. I am also a big reader, especially books about New England colonial history.

### Having worked in the trades, you must have some favorite tools. Name a few.

I don't think I have ever done any job where I did not use my trusty Hyde 3" scraper for something. I am also partial to my 16 oz. Estwing hammer with ripping claw, and only use Excelite screwdrivers. Bosch power tools have always served me well.

### What is your favorite saying?

"Just do it!" I was saying this to myself long before Nike thought of it.

• **Finally, a quality wood filler.** Without a doubt, the best wood filler we have seen is Flex-tec HV. This two-part epoxy filler is perfect for filling in damaged areas of wood sash, windowsills, porch columns, and any other non-structural area where wood has started to rot. It's easy to use, bonds well to wood surfaces, and expands and contracts with the wood. The full starter kit includes two-part primer, one double tube of epoxy, and a two-barrel caulking gun.

• **Animal proof your screen doors.** We are often asked to repair screens, especially in patio doors, that have been damaged by pets. We now carry animal-proof screening, which can be used as an alternative to regular screening in these repairs. Though slightly more expensive, it is a very popular material among animal lovers.

[www.bbmc.com](http://www.bbmc.com)

*It's up and running!*

The Boston Building Materials Co-op is thrilled to announce the launch of its new and improved website. Check it out!

[www.bbmc.com](http://www.bbmc.com)

## Kitchens! Kitchens!

The secret is out: The Boston Building Materials Co-op is THE place to go for your new kitchen cabinets, countertops, fixtures and more. We know this because our products are of the highest quality, our prices are competitive, and our service is unmatched. We also know this because **kitchen sales in 2003 were a full 69% higher than they were in 2002.** The secret is out!

So whether you're putting in a new kitchen or updating your older one, look no further than the Boston Building Materials Co-op. Kitchen Specialist Linda Lesyna will spend the time you need to design a functional, practical, attractive and affordable kitchen!

### You're invited!

### BBMC/BMRC Annual Meeting

Friday, May 21  
6:30 - 8:30pm  
Franklin Park Golf Club  
1 Circuit Drive  
Dorchester  
Dinner provided

RSVP by May 14

## Community Newspaper Article Inspires Residents to Donate

In the December 16, 2003 issue of the *Westwood Window*, an article by Westwood resident and BMRC materials donor Angela Lin was featured. In it, Dr. Lin compared the BMRC to a weight loss program: Donors “lose unused boxes of tiles, cans of paint, bathroom fixtures...” and gain by “not having to pay the cost of filling and emptying a dumpster.” The result? A plethora of calls and materials from Westwood.

*Editor's note: Articles in community newspapers are an excellent way of getting the word out about the BMRC to residents, local contractors, and so on. If you would like to write an article for your town's paper but don't know where to begin, give us a call at 617.442.8917 and ask for Leslie. She'll be happy to get you started.*

# BMRC News

## More Corporations Donating, Not Throwing Away

By Leslie Hunt

Generous is the only way we can describe our business donors. For example, perhaps you have seen those trendy, vessel-style lavatory sinks in the most recent issue of *Fine Homebuilding*. They retail for \$700 each and are far away from the budgets of our customers. Well, they were until **Shep Brown Architects** donated 42 of them to the BMRC, where they have sold briskly over the spring.

The BMRC has reaped an abundance of quality donations from many such community-minded businesses over the past year. Remarkable items appear regularly, giving our customers the opportunity to purchase current, top-of-the-line building materials.

**Yale Electric** of Dorchester has long been one of these companies. Through their generosity, electrical fixtures of every kind appeared in the warehouse throughout 2003.

The pièce de résistance was a four-foot tall chandelier. And **Modern Industries** recently donated a truckload of wheat-board, particle board made from crushed wheat fibers. This board contains no formaldehyde, the off-gassing toxic material found in common pulp-based particle board, and is quite costly at full price.

**ICI/ Hancock Paint** in Cambridge went a long way towards satisfying our customers' need for white interior paint with a donation of 100 five-gallon tubs. **Donelan Construction**, a construction company in Jamaica Plain, is always dropping off materials such as cabinets, low-flow toilets, vanities and wood flooring. Every couple of months, we send our truck out to **Van Lumber** in Bellingham, MA to pick up a load of doors, moldings, stair parts, and decorative columns. And **Turner Construction's** donation of 150 maple office doors and 30 solid wood base

cabinets was a real bonanza.

Not all remarkable donations are new. The BMRC encourages gently used materials, especially things like kitchen cabinetry and special high-quality pieces. **Lee Kimball Kitchens**, whose staff has referred so many of their clients to us, deserves special mention here. They make sure that these homeowners know that the BMRC is the place to donate the kitchen cabinetry they are replacing. **Harvard University**, thanks to renovations at the Schlesinger Library, provided a beautiful oak reception desk with mail slots, as well as plenty of shelving.

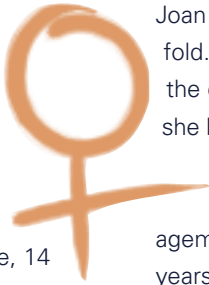
Thank you to all companies, large and small, who have made sure that the Building Materials Resource Center and its customers benefited from their own inventories in 2003.

## Save the Date!

### 3rd Annual Women's Night Set for June 1

The BMRC's 3rd annual Women's Night is coming on **June 1 from 5:30 – 7:00pm.**

Organized much like an Open House, 14 tradeswomen and contractors will be on hand to answer your questions about basic and not-so-basic home repair and improvement. Look for your invitation in the mail. Free dinner and child care will be provided. This event is being made possible by a generous grant from Citizens Bank.



## Welcome Joan Squeri

We are pleased to welcome our new Donations Manager, Joan Squeri, into the BMRC fold. Joan comes to us from the construction field, where she has done materials testing for heavy construction and project management. For the past eight years, Joan has served on the board of a community-based nonprofit in Cambridge. As Donations Manager, Joan handles all incoming calls from individuals and companies with materials to donate and works closely with field and warehouse staff to ensure a steady flow of high quality materials coming into the warehouse.

### Sister Organization Supports BMRC with Generous Year End Gift

2003 was a busy and fruitful year for the Boston Building Materials Co-op. The Co-op's board was, therefore, pleased to be able to make a substantial year-end gift of \$10,000

to the organization they helped to create ten years ago. The staff, board, and customers of the BMRC are grateful to the Co-op for their generous support.

## 2003 Year-End Appeal a Success

**Reduce, Re-use, Recycle.** You saw it. And many of you responded to it. The 2003 year-end appeal grossed \$40,000 – \$2,000 more than in 2002 and a full \$14,000 more than in 2001! The money we earn from the appeal, *our only appeal of the year*, helps to fill the gap between earned income (from the sale of materials) and a balanced budget. Thank you one and all for supporting this great project!

### BMRC Collaborates with Rhode Island Airport Corporation

As a part of their continuing noise abatement efforts, the Rhode Island Airport Corporation is in the process of buying up houses within a prescribed radius of the T.F. Green Airport in Warwick, helping their owners and tenants to find new homes in quieter neighborhoods, and tearing down the old houses.

Throwing away the many valuable components of these homes was more than Eric Raboin of Jones Payne Group, the company assigned to the tear-down project, could bear. What really broke his heart were the acoustical, thermopane windows by Harvey Industries, installed less than five years ago as

part of an earlier noise abatement measure. When Nancy Brooks, Jones Payne Group employee and long-time Co-op member, told Mr. Raboin about the Building Materials Resource Center, he picked up the phone.

Long story short, we have been back and forth to Warwick a dozen times or so in the past several months and have collected more than 100 of these high-quality windows (which are being scooped up by our energy conscious customers). Special thanks go out to Eric Raboin and Nancy Brooks of Jones Payne Group, who made this collaboration possible, and to Mary Soderstrum of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation, without whose support the partnership could not have happened.

### On-Line Giving Possible through CommunityRoom.net

CommunityRoom.net is a Wainwright Bank-sponsored website that allows you to make on-line contributions to area nonprofits, including the BMRC. Here's how to do it:

- log onto [www.communityroom.net](http://www.communityroom.net);
- type Building Materials Resource Center under "Find a Nonprofit";
- follow the directions to make your on-line gift.

Thank you!

The truck staff works hard every day, but they remember two consecutive days of super-sized labor. With just two men on the truck, the first day featured slabs and slabs of marble and “lots of heavy stuff.” The next day brought a pick-up of 75 office doors. All this happened during the first two days of employment for one of them (and he’s still here).

Sometimes our staffers pick up unusual items. They had never seen a toddler-sized toilet before the day they brought one back to the warehouse. Sometimes they are asked unusual questions, like the time a donor suggested to one driver that he might like to go out with her sister-in-law. Being no fool, our man ran into the kitchen they were removing and wrote his phone number on a paper doily. Sadly, the sister-in-law never called.

People are not the only unusual creatures our staffers encounter. One day in Brookline, one of our drivers opened the door of a two-story residence scheduled for demolition. Four wild turkeys rushed forward from the back of the house. “They chased us and came at our truck! This was really the strangest thing that ever happened to me on the job!” Recently, our

newest staff member got his initiation when a “wolf with no leash” caused him to run for his life. He swears it was not a dog and says he never loaded up a truck so fast.

Disappointing moments happen, too, though luckily not often. One of our drivers describes his biggest downer as the time he spent at a “tear-down,” painstakingly removing an expensive granite countertop which was to be the prize of the day, something he knew our customers would love. It took time and patience but at last it was ours — or so he thought. The homeowner, obviously impressed by the skillful removal that saved the piece, decided to keep it.

On the other hand, imagine the satisfaction he felt on the day he hauled a granite mantle back to the BMRC warehouse, his truck followed by the customer who meant to buy it as soon as it was unloaded and processed.

Knowing that their work is important to us every day, our truck staff members jump into the cab before many of us are even out of our pajamas, and hit the road on their way to another adventure.

## THANK YOU!

*The BMRC wishes to thank the HUNDREDS of individuals (too many to name!), corporations, and funders who supported the Center with financial gifts and/or materials donations during the second half of 2003.*

### Foundation and Corporate Grants

#### 1 Jul – 31 Dec 2003

Boston Building Materials Co-op  
Goldberg Charitable Trust  
Combined Jewish Philanthropies  
Cutler Charitable Foundation  
EarthShare New England  
The Home Depot  
Levine Family Foundation  
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### Corporate Financial Contributors

#### 1 Jul – 31 Dec 2003

Black River Architects  
Copper Beach Montessori  
Cambridgeport Plumbing  
Dargon Plumbing & Heating Co.  
Diab Custom Design  
Dorchester Bay Loan Fund  
FBN Construction Co.  
From the Ground Up  
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Graham Contracting Co.  
D.L. Greco Photography  
Kimo Griggs Architects  
LDA Architects  
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Mississippi’s Restaurant  
Nemo Properties  
Next Phase Studios Architects  
The Power Company  
Sage Builders, LLP  
South Coastal Contracting Co.  
TCA Architects  
THERE Design

### Corporate Building Materials Donors

#### 1 Jul – 31 Dec 2003

Artisan Design Build  
Boston Building Materials Co-op  
Burton Builders  
Cambridge Co-Housing  
Canney Construction Co.

Casa Myrna Vasquez  
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Commonwealth Tile Co.  
Computer Warehouse  
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JPR, Inc.  
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Lederman Engineering  
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Manaboutahouse, Inc.  
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Mechanical Solutions  
Newpro, Inc.  
New England Homecrafters  
Payne Bouchier Construction Co.  
Pomeroy Construction Co.  
Progressive Design Co.  
Rhode Island Airport Corp.  
Roma Tile  
SBK Unlimited  
Simeone Floors  
SJD Construction Co.  
Sleeping Dog Properties  
Stock Building Supplies  
Tags Ace Hardware  
Taylor House Properties  
Tibma Remodeling Co.  
Trimitsis Woodworking  
Turner Construction Co.  
Van Millwork  
Vintage Properties  
Yale Electric  
Zani Tile Co.

*If your company or foundation is not listed here and should be, let us know so we can correct our records!*

The two main issues in window restoration are (1) getting the mechanical parts of the window to work properly, and (2) getting the window to be as draft-free as possible.

Mechanically, old windows operate with a simple but clever design. Double-hung windows consist of a top and a bottom sash. Each sash is counterbalanced with a pair of sash weights, which are hidden in weight boxes on each side of the window. The sash is attached to the pair of weights either with sash cord or sash chain. Both chain and cord work well and have their own advantages and disadvantages. Removing one or both sashes, replacing the sash cord or chain, and reinstalling the sash is an entry level repair that is more tedious than it is difficult.

If you remove your sashes to replace cords or chains, don't miss the chance to make repairs and do some basic maintenance to the sashes themselves. It's a great time to re-putty and paint the exterior of the sash, for example.

Another thing you can and should do while the sashes are out is add some type of weather-stripping. Weather-stripping will help make the window operate in a silky smooth manner and, more important, dramatically cut down on drafts and costly

### Materials List for One Double-Hung Window Repair

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| 20 ft. copper-dipped steel sash chain*        | \$6.00  |
| 12 ft. 1 1/8" spring bronze weatherstripping* | \$6.00  |
| 10 ft. vinyl bulb weatherstripping*           | \$3.50  |
| 2 Spanish cedar parting beads.                | \$7.50  |
| 1 brass plated sash lock                      | \$1.30  |
| 1 tube latex caulk.                           | \$2.50  |
| 8 oz. window glazing compound                 | \$1.50  |
| misc. screws and nails.                       | \$2.50  |
| TOTAL MATERIALS PER WINDOW                    | \$30.80 |

*Note: Member prices are given. All materials are available at the Boston Building Materials Co-op.*

*\* Only available for purchase in larger quantities.*

heat loss. Since the window is composed of moving parts, allowing space for movement needs to be considered while adding weather-stripping and/or making repairs. On the other hand, too much space can allow excessive heat loss. A good weatherstripping job will allow parts to move freely, yet snugly.

There are a number of locations on the window that can be tightened up with weatherstripping. The most popular and longest lasting weatherstripping material is some version of spring bronze. It comes in a roll, is cut to size, and installed in the window jambs (frame) so it is snug against the sides of the window sashes. There are also cheaper, easier to install vinyl versions but these tend to be less permanent.

The horizontal surfaces of the window can be treated with

other materials. The meeting rails (where the two sashes meet) is often a source of drafts. Adding weatherstripping and tightening up, or replacing, a sash lock can make a huge difference.

With basic tools and a little bit of patience, most homeowners can do the above repairs. It is not unusual, however, to need to take the rehab to another, more complex level on some windows. This can mean planing a sash, epoxying a rotten corner, or replacing a window completely. These tasks require a slightly higher skill level but, with the right tools and some guidance (call the Co-op or, better yet, take our window rehab workshop!), most folks can still accomplish them.

Finally, installing a high quality storm window, like the Harvey Tru-Channel storm window, will provide weather protection as

well as a virtually airtight window system. As it stops drafts (infiltration), the storm window creates a dead air space between the primary (wood) and storm window, similar to the space found in new, insulated glass windows. This double layer of glass is a must in our climate. Additionally, the storm window comes with a convenient screen, allowing fresh air to circulate throughout your home during the warmer months.

*Editor's note: The Boston Building Materials Co-op provides tools, materials, and advice in the area of wood window restoration. As well, we are a Harvey dealer, the only retail store in the area where homeowners can purchase Harvey products (including the Tru-Channel storm window). Our knowledgeable staff is here to help you diagnose your specific window situation and make recommendations. Stop by and see our full-sized sample of a double-hung window. It will give you ideas, demonstrate clearly how a properly refurbished window should function, and provide inspiration as you start tackling those windows!*

*Don Malloy is Shop Manager and Window & Door Specialist at the Co-op. Look for other helpful "Ask Don" tutorials on a range of subjects on our new BBMC website at [www.bbmc.com](http://www.bbmc.com).*

# Boston Area Organizations Accepting Materials Donations

The Boston Building Materials Co-op and Building Materials Resource Center are pleased to provide you, our customers and supporters, with this list of organizations that accept donated goods. Each of the organizations was contacted by us, to verify the active status of their re-use operation and to get their permission to include them in the list.

**Remember: ALWAYS call before making a donation! Each organization has its own guidelines for what they will and will not accept.**

Our thanks go out to Leslie Hunt, the BMRC's Americorp\*VISTA Volunteer, for putting this invaluable list together!

## **Building Materials**

### **Building Materials Resource Center**

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617.442.8917  
info@bbmc.com  
www.bostonbmrc.org

## **Bikes**

### **Bikes Not Bombs**

59 Amory Street #103  
Roxbury, MA 02120  
617.442.0004  
www.bikesnotbombs.org

## **Clothing, Housewares, Electronics, Jewelry**

### **Boomerangs/AIDS Action Committee**

716 Centre Street  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130  
617.534.5120  
www.aac.org

## **Clothing, Furniture, Appliances**

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

18 Canton Street  
Stoughton, MA 02072  
1.800.675.2882  
www.svdpboston.com

## **Paperback Books**

### **Prison Book Program**

110 Arlington Street  
Boston, MA 02116  
617.423.3298  
www.prisonbookprogram.org

## **Cars**

### **Good News Garage**

630 Main Street  
Sturbridge, MA 01566  
508.347.1277  
www.goodnewsgarage.org

## **Furniture**

### **Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless**

#### **Furniture Bank**

15 Bubier Street  
Lynn, MA 01901  
781.595.7570  
www.mahomeless.org

## **Educational Supplies**

### **Extras for Creative Learning/ExCL Recycle Center**

(art supplies, fabrics, yarn, buttons, office supplies)  
443 Warren Street  
Dorchester, MA 02121  
617.635.8284  
www.X4CL.org

## **Toiletries, Umbrellas, Hand Calculators, Cleaning Supplies, Gift Certificates**

### **Horizons Housing Program**

Women's Educational & Industrial Union  
356 Boylston Street  
Boston, MA 02116  
617.536.5651  
www.weiu.org

## **Computers**

### **TecsChange**

83 Highland Street  
Roxbury, MA 02120  
617.442.4456  
www.tecschange.org

## **Food**

### **Pine Street Inn**

444 Harrison Avenue  
Boston, MA 02118  
617.521.7136  
www.pinestreetinn.org

*NOTE: The Pine Street Inn no longer accepts used clothing or furniture*



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**The Boston Building Materials Co-op** is a member-controlled not-for-profit building materials retailer and technical assistance provider. Founded in 1978, we specialize in cabinets, counters, windows, and doors. We offer a range of affordable homeowner support services, including in-home consults, educational workshops, a Tradesperson Referral File, a lending library, and a Saturday morning window and screen repair clinic. You don't have to be a member to shop at the Co-op, though members get product discounts and other benefits. *If you are not sure of your membership status, give us a call to check!*

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**The Building Materials Resource Center** is the nonprofit spin-off of the Boston Building Materials Co-op. Founded in 1993, the BMRC is a building materials re-use project that accepts donations of new and used building materials and distributes them to homeowners, non-profits, and small businesses. Anyone may shop at the BMRC, with special discounts offered to lower-income individuals and families. Many of the homeowner support services of the Co-op — in-home consults, classes, window repair — are also available to BMRC customers, with a discount for income-eligible customers.

**Contact the BMRC at:**

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**phone** 617.442.8917 • **fax** 617.427.2491

**email** info@bbmc.com

**web** www.bostonbmrc.org

**The Building Materials Resource Center is a nonprofit building materials re-use project. Your tax deductible gift will help us divert perfectly good building materials from landfills and deliver them into the hands of needy homeowners and nonprofits.**

**Yes**, I would like to make a contribution to the Building Materials Resource Center. Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of:

\$500    \$250    \$100    \$75    \$50    \$35

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your check to: **Building Materials Resource Center**  
100 Terrace Street, Roxbury, MA 02120  
**Thank you!**

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