

Boston Building Materials Co-op and Building Materials Resource Center



Winter 2010 Workshop Schedule

Basic Wall Framing

If you have been thinking about building a wall, or simply want a better understanding of how the walls in your home are put together, this class will get you started. Learn the basics of 2x4 wall construction and framing techniques, and gain hands-on experience. Participants will frame in rough openings for a door and a window as well as constructing corner and partition wall connections.

Bill Curran worked as a general contractor for 30 years and is now retired. He attended the Wentworth Institute of Technology and has coordinated remodeling projects from Cape Cod to Boston.

Saturday, January 23

10:00 a.m.–1:00 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.

Sheetrocking and Taping

Whether you're building a new wall or repairing an old one, sheetrocking and taping is a skill that will benefit virtually all homeowners. This class includes how to measure and cut drywall, apply it to studs, and tape and compound the joints for a smooth finish surface. Patching existing walls will also be demonstrated. Through demonstration and some hands-on, you'll learn to master the art of the joint knife! Participants should wear work clothes.

Frank Harris is the owner of Drywall Plus, a sheetrocking and taping company serving Greater Boston since 1988. In addition to extensive experience in sheetrocking, Frank is skilled in light interior framing and painting. He is a licensed construction supervisor and a member of the Boston Building Materials Co-op board of directors.

Saturday, January 30

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.



Interior Door Installation

This hands-on class will help you learn how to replace a door or to hang a door in a finished opening where the jamb is already in place. We will cover fitting the door to the opening—especially when it involves the challenge of making a new, perfectly plumb and square door work in an opening that may not be quite perfect. We will also cover preparing the slab for hinges and lockset installation, including aligning the latch with an existing strike.

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

Saturday, February 6

10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Installing Shingles and Clapboards

Cedar shingles and clapboards give many old houses their charm. In this hands-on class, you will learn the basics of preparation, layout, and installation, while also covering helpful techniques on back priming, flashing, and water and corner details. We will also discuss materials other than wood, such as fiber cement siding.

Bill Dwyer has been in the construction business for more than 15 years and has worked all around New England and New York. He established his own company, Hillside Handyman, in 2001 to provide carpentry and contracting services in the Boston area.

Saturday, February 13

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Tiling

In one of our most popular workshops, you can learn all aspects of tiling, from subfloor to grout. Learn about ceramic and stone tiling, 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! Choose one class from two available dates.

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.

John Leek learned tiling and many other remodeling skills while rehabilitating an abandoned triple-decker. He discovered his love of assisting other homeowners while working at the Boston Building Materials Co-op and now has his own company, HomeownerCoach.

Saturday, February 20 (with Jimmy)

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 27 (with John)

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.



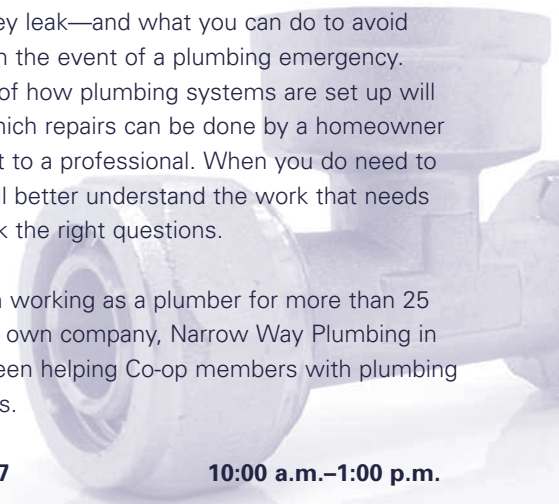
Introduction to Plumbing

Take a look “under the hood” of the system you count on every day to bring water to and from the sinks, toilets, and showers in your home. We will learn about faucets, drains, and toilets—how they work and why they leak—and what you can do to avoid costly water damage in the event of a plumbing emergency. A solid understanding of how plumbing systems are set up will help you determine which repairs can be done by a homeowner and which are best left to a professional. When you do need to hire a plumber, you will better understand the work that needs to be done and can ask the right questions.

Matt Nelson has been working as a plumber for more than 25 years. He operates his own company, Narrow Way Plumbing in Dorchester, and has been helping Co-op members with plumbing projects for many years.

Saturday, February 27

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.



Window Rehab

End the frustration of windows that don't work properly! 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.

Ryan Pirro, the proprietor of RestorationWindows.com, helps Boston-area homeowners repair and maintain their older double-hung windows. He particularly enjoys demonstrating the advantages of rehabbed windows versus replacements.

Saturday, March 6

10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.



Wood Restoration with Epoxy

Is rotted wood plaguing your windowsills, sashes, porch decking, column bases, wood gutters, or siding? If so, a "cure" is now available that is much less expensive than replacing the wood. Flex-Tec epoxy wood repair compound is engineered to remain resilient and flexible so it can expand and contract with the surrounding wood to stand the test of time. It has excellent bonding strength, will not slump or sag when applied to a vertical surface, and can be sanded, tooled, and painted. This hands-on workshop will include how to handle, apply, and shape this product for use in a variety of applications.

John Leek learned restoration with epoxy and many other remodeling skills while rehabilitating an abandoned triple-decker. He discovered his love of assisting other homeowners while working at the Boston Building Materials Co-op and now has his

own company, HomeownerCoach.

Saturday, March 13

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: January 9, February 6,
March 6, April 3**

9:00–10:00 a.m.

Preregistration required



Exterior Painting

Expect your beautiful paint job to meet up with some relentless adversaries: rain, snow, extreme temperatures, and ultraviolet light. All of these factors can shorten the length of time that your house will look its best. To make your paint job last, learn to prep the surfaces, select the right paint and primer for your job, choose the best tools, and get at those tricky areas.

Adam Scher, project manager at Arch Painting in North Reading, has extensive experience in painting wood, metal, and concrete surfaces. His expertise includes knowledge of paints and stains.

Saturday, March 20

10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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.*

Introduction to Plumbing, Exterior Painting

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

All Other Workshops

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

Window and Screen Repair Clinic

No charge for Co-op and BMRC Members

Name _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Work/Cell (_____) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

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).*

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