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Rock Out Throughout the House!

While we may not quite be at The Jetsons level of home technology just yet, we can now rock and roll at home courtesy of our light bulbs! Yes—our light bulbs! Dance while doing the dishes! Rock out while you cook or fold laundry! These new energysaving LED Pulse light bulbs by Sengled are equipped with JBL Bluetooth speakers allowing you to blare Beyonce or create a more sophisticated ambiance with some subtle Mozart or Chopin. Conveniently adjust both lighting and sound with the smartphone app. (What can we not do with our smart phones these days?) Does your Wi-Fi signal fade in some rooms? Fix that easily with the Boost LED light bulb, a Wi-Fi connection extender. This cool new intelligent illumination gives a whole new meaning to "raise the roof".

Pulse is a smart bulb that combines the energy efficiency of a dimmable LED light with the high quality of a 13-watt JBL Bluetooth speaker. Simply twist Pulse into any standard light socket and adjust

both lighting and sound from the iOS/Android app. Connect up to six additional satellite bulbs surround

High-quality audio of a JBL Bluetooth speaker in a **LED light bulb**

sound. No speaker wires, power cords, or remote

controls required. The Pulse Kit includes one speaker bulb and one satellite bulb. (Sku 399600, \$149.99).

Additional satellite bulbs are available too. (Sku 399601, \$79.99)

Pulse Solo works similarly to Pulse but functions independently without any additional satellite bulbs. You can still enjoy the energy efficiency of a dimmable LED combined with the highquality audio of a JBL Bluetooth speaker and adjust both lighting and sound from the smartphone app. Ideal for **Pulse Solo** desk or nightstand lamps. LED + Wireless Speaker (Sku 399602, \$79.99)

Wi-Fi booster in an LED

light bulb

Boost gives you Wi-Fi where you want it, combined with highefficiency, dimmable LED light. End Internet dead zones for good, as each bulb you connect

increases the range of your Wi-Fi. Enjoy your shows, movies, and music from almost anywhere in your home along with an iOS/Android app for Wi-Fi setup and lighting control to keep your **Boost** spaces bright. (Sku LED + Wi-Fi Repeater 399603, \$49.99)

Stop by any Cole Hardware location to learn how you can listen to your music. Everywhere!



Pay with Your **Smartphone**

Along with the intelligent lighting available in our stores, our cash

registers just got a lot smarter, too! You can now use any contactless pay system, such as Google Wallet or Apple Pay, to make

purchases at all of our stores. Known as NFC, or near field

communication, these systems allow you to simply put your smartphone near our PIN pads to complete the transaction. This is the same type of technology that is used when you tap your Clipper® card getting on a bus or BART train

With the advent of ATM cards, many of us

stopped carrying as much cash as we used to. Now, as more

establishments accept NFC payments, the convenience of having your smartphone tied to a credit card will mean even less to carry.



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Party Like You're 99!

Dave's 99th Birthday Recap

Dave wishes to thank everyone who turned out to celebrate his milestone birthday. The party started on Dave's actual birthday (June 4) at our downtown Fourth Street and Mission Street stores. Don Ford from KPIX Channel 5 joined us and filmed a special segment on Dave that aired on the newscast that night.

On Saturday, June 6, the party continued at all of our locations, with Dave making appearances at the Cole Street, Polk Street, and Rockridge stores. Our crew members and customers alike were excited to ring in another year with Dave. At one point at Cole Street, the line of well wishers waiting to chat with Dave stretched nearly across the entire store. Dave, of course, performed his magic trick on a deck of limitededition Dave Karp playing cards and handed out

99-cent gift cards as a thank you.

Rockridge store manager, Tessa, aka Betty Crocker, once again baked up five cakes to serve to our guests. The cakes this year featured nine layers of bliss-each layer a different flavor, ranging from graham cracker to coconut to almond to pink champagne!

We hope you enjoy the photo collage, and again, thank you to everyone who helped make Dave's birthday a truly memorable occasion.















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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:



Air Conditioning Alarms/Security Systems/Access Control Antique Restoration

Appliance Repair and Installation Arborist Architectural Planning Asbestos Removal Bath Resurface Brick and Stone Masonry Cabinetmaking

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For a Fresh Outlook, Paint!

Painting a room is one of the simplest and least expensive ways to "remodel." In terms of cost and complexity, painting goes a long way in achieving dramatic redecorating results. While painting is certainly a project that almost anyone can undertake

on his or her own, there are some instances where hiring a professional painter may be a better option, especially for large interior projects and exterior paint jobs.

Our Repair Referral Service has two excellent painters in its arsenal of tradespeople. Both have worked with us for years, and we highly recommend them for your painting needs. If your paint project seems a bit

daunting, and you think you might need a professional, e-mail home repair@colehardware .com or phone 415/753-2653 ext. 3.

Kieron has an eye for detail!

Detailed Victorian painted

job—large or small; in fact, his company paints seven days a week! Kieron never schedules more than two or three jobs at the same time, because he visits each job every day. He supervises his foreman in such a way that, as a team, they are accountable to

give the best paint job possible. All of his painters are trained in lead-safe work practices, so the dust from sanding does not settle in the home. All sanding is done with high-quality HEPA vacuum systems attached to Fein® sanders.

Kieron has other exceptional skills that are needed to paint the Victorians in San Francisco. His company is skilled in "faux finish," whereby they have the ability to simulate any wood grain. Gold, silver, and copper leafing

is one of their unique specialties. They use thin, 24-karat gold sheets obtained from their supplier to

paint many of the ornate carvings on San Francisco Victorians and Edwardians.

Meet Yefim

Yefim is a master painter who has been with our service for nearly 20 years. A graduate of two accredited house painting apprenticeships in both American and European techniques and with over 30 years of experience, Yefim and his team offer complete interior and exterior painting, waterproofing and elastomeric coatings, specialty and faux finishes, wallpaper hanging

and removal, power washing and mildew removal, comprehensive project and surface evaluation, and color consultation.

He founded his company in 1985 and still



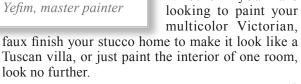
An example of Yefim's beautiful work

personally supervises each crew. Yefim and his team consistently demonstrate that they genuinely care about customer satisfaction.

Customer care and satisfaction are at the very core of Yefim's business philosophy. He accomplishes this by superior customer service, high-quality workmanship, and the use of only top-grade painting materials. All of his employees are journeyman-level painters who continually train to improve their

technical skills.

Yefim is extremely passionate about his work, and his heart still skips a beat at the end of each day when he pulls into his driveway and sees his handiwork on his own home. Many of Yefim's customers are repeat clients, whose homes he painted years ago. Whether you are looking to paint your multisalar Victorian



Meet Kieron

One of the top-notch painting contractors in our network of painters, Kieron was born in Belfast, Ireland, but spent a good part of his youth in San Carlos. At 15, he decided to return to Ireland. Kieron finished his basic schooling there and at the same time began a four-year apprenticeship in the painting trade so that he could enter the family painting business. At 19, he attained journeyman status, and at 23 years of age he became a master in both painting and decorating. Kieron gained a City Guilds Certification in his craft. At the young age of 24, he

returned to California where he started his own painting company, which is now over 30 years old. He has an A+ rating from the BBB.

Kieron's company will take a look at any

BORN IN THE USA

American-Made Products

Although the trend of American companies moving their manufacturing overseas has been a disheartening one, in the past few years the

manufacturing sector in the United States seems to be on the rise again. There is still a long way to go, and the United States may never again be the dominant force in manufacturing that it once was, but partnering with vendors who sell American-made products is important to us at Cole Hardware,

and we know that this is something our customers look for as well.

Unfortunately, these days when we source a product, it is often impossible to find a choice that is competitively made in the United States. Our product selection is largely dictated by consumer demand, with retail prices largely influencing demand, especially during economic downturns. In order to stay competitive, many manufacturers source a huge percentage of their products from China and other countries. In order to be able to stay in business and compete, we must attempt to have products at comparable price points. Still, whenever possible, we will opt for American-made

selections—and hope that our customers vote with their dollars to support this choice. Why is it important? Here are our top three reasons:

Community: Just as shopping with locally owned businesses (such as Cole Hardware) is important to keeping dollars in local communities and preserving local character, buying American-made products reinvests our dollars in the United States.

Environment: American-made products that we sell have a smaller environmental footprint since they have a shorter distance to travel to make it onto our shelves. American-made products are also required to comply with stricter environmental regulations in the manufacturing process than products made in China.

Economy: More presence in the manufacturing sector helps stimulate our economy and means more jobs for Americans and helps raise our GDP.

Lots of the vendors we work with will bring it to our attention when they are moving manufacturing of a certain item to the United States, which we always appreciate. But even better for us is to buy from companies that make the commitment to produce their *entire selection* of products in the United States. In honor of American Independence Day, we salute these vendor partners who help our communities, economy, and environment by being 100% made in the USA!













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FROM THE GARDEN CENTER

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

In the Garden July Garden Tasks

Tips from Dennis and Bill





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**.

Keeping gardens sufficiently hydrated during the drought is a challenge. July is traditionally a dry month in the Bay Area, but at the time this issue of the *Hardware Hotline* went to print, scientists were starting to predict heavy El Niño rainfall this year. Our parched state could sure use the rainfall, but it's still too early to say for sure what will happen. Meanwhile, don't feel like you need to sacrifice the joy found in time spent outside caring for plants and harvesting homegrown fruits and veggies. Do, however, continue to think about making drought-hardy choices for new plants, whenever possible, and incorporate equipment and techniques into your gardening routine to allow your plants to thrive on the minimum amount of water they require.

✓ Fertilize: Annuals, perennials, and trees will all enjoy a boost of nitrogen. Use an all-purpose fertilizer. After azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons have finished blooming, use an acidloving plant food on these.

✓ **Tomatoes:** Tomato seeds can still be started indoors on a sunny windowsill. On your existing outdoor plants, determinate tomatoes will produce bigger, riper fruit if you remove half the blossoms. Let the tomatoes stay on the vine until they are very red. If tomato plants show purpling or yellowing, this probably indicates a nutritional deficiency, in which case they should be fertilized. Come in and show us pictures of your plants if in doubt.

✓ **Vegetables:** Continue to plant beets, beans, radishes, carrots, cauliflower, and

turnips. Harvest vegetables early in the day and while they are still relatively young—this ensures you



get tender vegetables and that they continue productively fruiting.

✓ **Aphids:** A commonly used method for combating aphids is with a strong spray from the

hose, but better to save that water for when it is actually needed for hydration.

Instead, use Safer® insecticidal soap (Sku 74805, \$9.49) or

ladybugs (Sku 701166, \$9.99). Release ladybugs in the evening at the base of your aphid-infested plant. (If released during the day, they will fly away.) As the ladybugs crawl up the plant,

they will munch on the aphids.

✓ Moisture meter: In order to make sure you aren't wasting water, invest in a water meter so that you

water only when necessary. (Sku 7011638, \$7.99)

→ Butterfly-loving plants: Butterflies are attracted to plants that have nectar-producing flowers for them to feed on. To lure these lovely garden visitors, try planting the following:

- Flowers: Goldenrod, milkweed, cosmos, marigolds, Mexican sunflowers, phlox
- Veggies: Broccoli, kale, cabbage
- Herbs: Catnip, lavender, thyme, parsley, dill, sage

See you in the garden!



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DRiWATER is a patented product that consists of 98% purified water and 2% food-grade ingredients. It is bound in the form of a gel-like solid that provides consistent subsurface irrigation for plants. Organic and completely nontoxic, DRiWATER helps you maintain beautiful and well-hydrated plants

without wasting water. An especially good solution if you'll be vacationing this month, DRiWATER can keep your plants watered without you needing to ask a neighbor or friend to care for your garden or houseplants while you're away. (Sku 707020, \$2.99)

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Grow Your Own Herbs!

Herbs can be used in a variety of ways in the kitchen, medicinally, and ornamentally. For example, basil adds flavor to salads and sauces, chamomile tea soothes the whole body, and lavender will freshen any room with its beauty and scent.

Cultivation

Herbs can be grown either in pots or directly in the ground. Keep in mind that mint is very aggressive and will quickly take over your garden, so it's best to plant it in containers. Some species of rosemary and lavender form large bushes and will need room to do so

If you are planting directly in the ground, choose a site that gets at least six hours of direct sunlight. (Mint can take some shade.) Mix in both compost and sphagnum moss to lighten up the existing soil and provide proper drainage.

Once planted, herbs require little attention. Like most plants, they do not like soil that's too wet, but like just the right amount of water. It is generally ideal for the soil to be slightly cool and moist to the

touch. Little fertilization if any is required. Fertilization actually detracts from an herb's flavor.

Herbs rarely suffer from severe disease or insect damage, but if pests do appear, fight them with an organic method such as ladybugs, neem oil, or one of the Safer brand products.

Most of the common herbs will stay with you throughout the years, with the exception of basil and cilantro, which are annuals and die off each year, and parsley, which is a biennial and lasts two years. **Watering**

- Frequent watering and feeding: parsley, cilantro, peppermint, chives, garlic chives
- Less frequent watering/regular feeding: basil, dill, oregano, marjoram, tarragon
- Infrequent watering/regular light feeding: thyme, sage, rosemary, winter savory, lavender

Harvesting

With most herbs, harvesting the tips ("pinching back") results in new growth and bushier plants. Keep your herb garden as close to your kitchen as

possible, and have a set of snips or pruning shears on hand so you can harvest spontaneously while cooking. Most culinary herbs reach peak flavor when the flower buds are just about to open (although herbs in the mint family are generally best in full

herbs in the mint family are generally best in full flower). For peak flavor, harvest in

the morning, when the sun is still low. Keep in mind that harvesting more than one-third of any plant may weaken it.

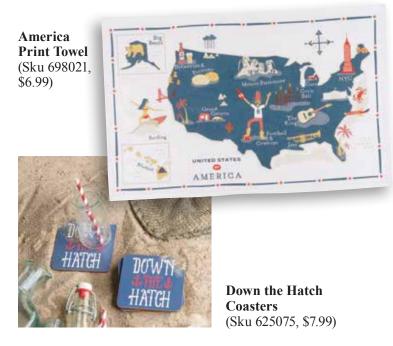
Preserving

Use herbs fresh, or preserve them for future use. *continued on page 9...*

WHAT'S IN SEASON

Fourth of July Cookout!

Make your Independence Day gathering all the more festive or give one of these patriotic accessories as a hostess gift!





Weber® Genesis® **Gas Grills**

Rewind the clock back to 1985—a true landmark year for the Weber enthusiast. The Genesis gas grill introduced the concept of Flavorizer® bars, an invention that gives you the convenience of gas and the great flavor of charcoal—a fusion of sleek, modern design, ease of use, quality, and ingenious barbecue properties. Get ready to be mesmerized and mesmerize your guests.

All Genesis gas grills feature:

- Three stainless steel burners
- Total cooking area of 637 square inches
- Grease management system

The Genesis grills are available in a variety of colors: black, copper, crimson, smoke, green, and stainless. Choose the style that suits you best with either porcelain enameled cast iron grates or stainless steel grates. Available in a liquid propane version or a natural gas version if you have a gas hookup. Grills start at \$699.99.







Using wood chips when barbecuing is an easy way to season meat, poultry, or fish with smoke flavor. Cooking with wood chips is easy, too. With a

charcoal grill, wood can just be mixed with the coals. Gas grills require a smoker box. (Sku 8014078, \$11.99)

If you've never cooked with wood chips before, it's easy to overdo, so start with just a cup or so of chips. The smoke

produced should be white in color. If the smoke is black, your coals might need more ventilation, and the vents on your grill should be opened. Also, make sure that the juices from your food are not dripping onto the coals and burning, which is another source of black smoke. Depending on what you are cooking, several kinds of wood chips are available to produce different savory flavors:

Hickory: This smoky, pungent flavor works with beef, chicken, pork, and wild game. (Sku 8298465, \$7.49)

Mesquite: A strong, bold flavor that enhances beef and lamb. (Sku 8298440, \$5.99)

Apple: For beef, poultry, and especially pork, apple chips produce a slightly sweet, dense flavor. (Sku 8222218, \$4.99)

Cherry: This complements pork, poultry, and game birds with a fruity, sweet flavor. (Sku 8222200, \$4.99)

GrillMark

Maple: A subtle, sweet flavor for poultry, ham, and vegetables. (Sku 8222226, \$4.99)



WHAT'S IN SEASON

The Art of Perfect Pizza



world traditions meet a modern marvel. If you want to see the Galleria Borghese the Tower of Pisa, you'll need to go to Italy—but there's no reason to travel to Naples for the perfect pizza! Big Green Egg® chefs around the world know that when using a Big Green Egg to cook with indirect heat, the EGG® performs as a very efficient fire-brick ovenjust like those found in the ruins of Pompeii and

adapted for use in pizzerias

around the world today.

From Italy to your home, old-

In fact, the Big Green Egg bakes and roasts better and more quickly than those wood-fired ovens ever could because heat from the natural charcoal radiates within the thick ceramic walls of the dome, allowing your food to bake quickly and evenly. No need to buy a high-priced pizza oven, as you can bake and roast your way to culinary perfection by cooking with indirect heat using the Plate Setter and Pizza/Baking Stone. You must try it to believe it! You may never cook indoors again once you experience how your Big Green Egg achieves better results—with more intense flavor—than your kitchen oven!

Authentic pizzeria-style pizza is only one of the many dishes you will enjoy; poultry, roasts, hams, and other foods undergo little or no shrinkage and are naturally tastier because the juices and flavors stay locked inside. While the ancient Pompeii ovens relied on thick bricks to hold heat, today's Big Green Egg uses patented components and insulating ceramics to retain heat and moisture so well that foods just don't dry out! When roasting or baking with the EGG, food cooks faster, with consistent browning and moister results. Everything tastes better cooked on an EGG!

You'll also find these EGGcessories at our stores to host the perfect pizza party:

The Authentic Pizzeria-Style Wooden Pizza

Peel features solid hardwood construction, a tapered profile, and a sturdy handle for a secure and comfortable grip. Conveniently assemble pizza, calzones, or baked goods on the peel, and then easily slide onto a stone. (Sku 869056)

The sharp, stainless steel **Traditional Pizza Wheel** or the **Rockin' Pizza Cutter** cut right through even the thickest crusts for professional pizzeria results. (Wheel: Sku 869048; Cutter: Sku 869049)



Use the **Dough**Rolling Mat to easily roll out and perfectly shape pizza, calzone, or pie crust dough at home just like a professional pizzaiolo!

Easy recipes included on the mat. (Sku 869055)

The Aluminum and Hardwood Pizza Peel features a smooth and sturdy aluminum surface with a natural hardwood handle. (Sku 53)

Big Green Egg **Organic Lump Charcoal** is a premium product with major advantages over ordinary charcoal or briquettes. Made from 100% oak and hickory wood, it contains no by-products, chemical fillers, or petroleum additives. (Sku 870010)

Spice up your next pizza night with a Calzone Press to create custom calzones and filled pastries at home with everyone's favorite ingredients. (Small: Sku 869051; Large: Sku 869052)

The **Pit Mitt BBQ Glove** is made of aramid fibers, also used in aerospace, to form a barrier preventing heat from entering the soft cotton inner layer. (Sku 869020)



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Gourmet Pizza with Prosciutto and Arugula

Ingredients:

Homemade or store-bought pizza dough Cornmeal for dusting 1½ cups marinara sauce 12 ounces thinly sliced mozzarella di bufala 1½ cups chopped baby arugula 1 cup chopped prosciutto 1 cup Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese 4 tablespoons white truffle oil

Method:

- Set the EGG for indirect cooking at 600°F and preheat a Pizza/Baking Stone.
- Place pizza dough on a Dough Rolling Mat or a lightly flowered surface and, using a rolling pin, roll the dough into a 14-inch circle. Dust

- a Pizza Peel with cornmeal and place the dough disk on the peel. Gently shake the peel back and forth to make sure the dough does not stick.
- Top the pizza with sauce, mozzarella, arugula, and prosciutto. Slide the pizza onto the hot Pizza/Baking Stone and close the lid of the EGG. Cook until the edges are lightly brown and crisp.
- Using the Pizza Peel, remove the pizza from the stone, sprinkle with the Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, and drizzle with truffle oil. Using a Pizza Cutter, cut the pizza into desired portions and serve immediately.

Article and recipe from Big Green Egg[®] LIFEStyle The Ultimate Cooking Experience[®].

Big Green Egg® Demonstration

Saturday, July 25 10:00 am-2:00 pm Cole Street Store 956 Cole Street

See the Big Green Egg in action and prepare to get hungry! More than just a barbecue, the Big Green Egg is a complete cooking system that allows you to grill, slow cook, bake, smoke, and roast. Join us as we cook up a variety of tasty treats, while demonstrating how easy it is!



ENVIRONMENTAL INFO

GOOD FOR THE EARTH—WE TAKE ACTION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT!

Rockridge Recycling Update: We Can Once Again Accept Batteries and CFLs!

Once again, our Rockridge location can accept household batteries, CFLs, and spent fluorescent tubes from Oakland residents for recycling. We were able to work out a program with the City of Oakland, and we apologize for the disruption in our collection service. Our store cannot accept these items from businesses, who must dispose of their waste with the city directly.

We cannot yet recycle small propane tanks (14 oz. or 16.9 oz.) in Oakland as we do for our San Francisco stores. Our Rockridge location can, however, accept the large 20-pound propane tanks for recycling.

We encourage all Oakland residents to take advantage of our recycling program to keep these items out of the landfill.



Composting Bags

Composting is the decomposition of food scraps, yard trimmings, and soiled paper products into a rich earthen material excellent for enriching garden soil or adding to houseplants. It is also a crucial way to reduce the volume of trash that we send to our landfills unnecessarily for disposal. To make composting as easy as possible, all Cole Hardware locations stock a full assortment of BioBag products.

The BioBag is made of Mater-Bi, the main component of which is cornstarch. It biodegrades after 10 to 45 days and is 100% compostable. BioBags have been fully certified by the international Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) and are approved by the San Francisco Department of the Environment for food waste collection for composting. The mechanical strength of BioBags is equivalent to standard plastic.

And maybe the best feature of BioBags is that they are manufactured locally in the East Bay. Reduce pests, mold and mildew, and odors in the kitchen by using BioBags in your compost bins.



All of our stores stock these BioBags:





Pet Waste Bags

A 100% biodegradable "plastic" pooper bag that is made to decompose in 40 days when placed in a regulated composting environment. (Roll, 45-pack: Sku 658121. \$5.99; Standard, 50-pack: Sku 658123, \$5.99; Large, 35-pack: Sku 658122, \$5.99)





Bring to any of our five stores:

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Items up to the size of a desktop computer.

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- 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 oz. or 16.9 oz.), empty, nonrefillable propane cylinders only. Households only. Limit 5 per visit. (San Francisco stores only; cannot be recycled at our Rockridge location.)

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.

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Must be in plastic bags to avoid leakage.

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





HOME SECURITY

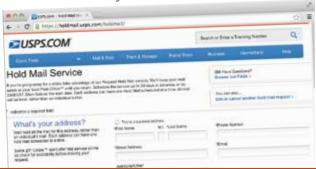
Home Security Tips for Vacation Time or Any Time

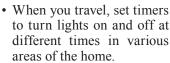
Summer is the biggest season for burglaries: homeowners tend to leave windows and patio doors open, and families are likely to go away on vacation. In more than 40% of break-ins, thieves simply enter through an unlocked door or window. The odds of being burglarized a second time are higher because the thief will assume that what was stolen has been replaced. Thieves will likely remember those places that were easy targets to possibly hit again.

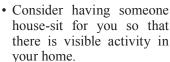
Burglars generally avoid delays, noise, or other attention-getting risks. However, alarms are only one part of an effective home-security plan-most alarms sound only after someone has entered the home. The following security measures can help give you peace of mind while you are traveling to ensure that you enjoy your holiday:

- Properly illuminate porches, entrance areas, and front and back yards.
- Trim shrubbery that hides doors or windows to lower than eye level.
- · Place a metal bar or wooden rod in the track of sliding
- doors. Install a pin to prevent the door from being lifted off the track.
- When working or entertaining in the yard, only open doors or windows within your view.
- Don't leave a ladder in the yard that a burglar can use to enter an open second-story window.

- Install dead bolt locks on your doors. Make sure they have at least a 1-inch draw into the door jamb.
- · Don't leave a ladder in the yard that a burglar can use to enter an open secondstory window.
- · Close and lock basement and main-level
 - windows and doors prior to retiring at night.
- If you have electrically operated garage doors, either disconnect or bolt the doors before you leave for extended periods. Always lock the door to an attached garage. Don't rely on your automatic garage door opener for security.
- Never leave clues, such as a pile of newspapers or accumulating mail, indicating that you are away on a trip. If you don't have a trusted friend or neighbor to bring these in daily, be sure to put a hold on delivery.









- · Don't leave messages on an answering machine or voice mail stating you'll be away for a while and will return calls when you return.
- Refrain from posting on social media sites that you are going on vacation. It gives robbers a perfect scenario to invade your home. They even have a perfect "I'm looking after the house while you are gone" story to tell the neighbors if they are approached. Wait until you get back to post your pictures and let the world know that you were gone. Even posts such as "Looking forward to a night on the town" could be an invite for **NEIGHBORHOOD**
- If you will be gone for an extended period of time, be sure to have someone water those plants that are visible from the street. Neglected plants shout, "No one is home!"
- Organize a community watch program to protect your neighborhood.



Protect your home and enjoy your summer holiday!

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Don't worry about your children losing or forgetting keys. With a keyless lock, each member of the family can have his or her own four-digit code that will be easy to remember. If relatives or friends are visiting, you can program a temporary code for their stay.

Going for a jog or a bike ride? With a keypad dead

bolt, you don't have to carry a bulky key chain or worry about losing your keys along the way. Simply press the button and turn the deadbolt to lock the door, and use your personal code to unlock it when you return.



Keypad dead bolts allow you to give your neighbor or pet sitter codes of their own while you are away. When you return, simply delete the code from the lock. All programming can be done from the keypad; there is no need to remove the lock from the door.

Have rental properties or swapping houses? Install a keypad dead bolt on your properties and save yourself the hassle and cost of exchanging keys or replacing locks. When your trade is over or your renters moves out simply change the code.

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only installs Schlage locks on all of his jobs. Our stores offer a keyless dead bolt in a satin or brass finish. (Skus 5623848, 5623830, \$199.99)

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Service provided by our master locksmith, Marc.

our Repair Referral Service at 415/753-2653 ext. 3 or homerepair@colehardware.com to schedule an appointment.

Grow Your Own Herbs!

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Drying herbs makes them easy to store and use. When done correctly, dried herbs retain much of their original flavor. Use an oven, dehydrator, or airdry method. It is easy to overdry herbs in a gas or electric oven; we recommend the microwave for small quantities. Spread several stems on doublethick paper towels and cover with one layer of paper towel. Microwave on full power for about 1 minute, turn stems over, and dry them on full power for another minute or so, or just until they turn brittle but stay in one piece when touched gently.

Air-dry large quantities of herbs in a dark, dry place. Cut long stems, bundle loosely, and hang upside down. If dust is a problem, drape a thin cloth, paper bag, or wrapping tissue over the top. Or dry herb stems on a wire rack, between two layers of thin cloth or tissue. The key is to ensure plenty of air circulation and a low-humidity atmosphere. Fall is the best time to air-dry herbs in the Bay Area.

Once dried, herbs are best stored in a dark, cool place, in airtight glass containers. Label and date the containers, and check for condensation several days after you put them in storage.

If you pick one or two too many stems for the dish you are cooking, and prefer to take a more casual approach to preserving the extra, use either of these methods: (1) Lay the extra herb sprigs anywhere in your kitchen where they will get sufficient air circulation and be out of the way. You can use them anytime as they dry. (2) Cut herbs into small enough pieces to place in a small glass jar, cover with olive oil, and cover tightly. Use both the olive oil and the herb sprigs to flavor your favorite meal.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Coins for the Community

With the \$2,923.63 that we raised at our various recent events (\$2,446.87 at Dave's Birthday

Bucket Sale; \$92 at copper's dream our Copper's Dream dog adoption day;

and \$384.76 from our May coin collection for the Homeless Prenatal Program), our grand total now stands at \$29,797.94. Our June coin collection was earmarked for the St. Anthony Foundation, whose mission is to

feed, heal, shelter and clothe, and lift the spirits of those

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in need. We will report on those numbers next month

For July, our coin collection will benefit the Bay Area chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters, which helps children realize their potential and

Big Brothers Big Sisters

build their futures. Each time Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area pairs a child with an adult

role model, it starts something incredible: a oneto-one relationship built on trust and friendship that can blossom into a future of unlimited potential.

It's easy to donate to Coins for the Community! Simply drop your spare change in any of the

collection jars when you're checking out at any of our stores. Or bring in that old jar of pennies that's collecting dust on your dresser!



Polk Street's Robert presents a donation check to Adrian of Project Open Hand.



Both the ladies and the mutts of Muttville Senior Dog Rescue were excited about their recent donation check.



Lisa of Loved Twice is thrilled to receive a donation from Rockridge's Rosa.



Darien DeLorenzo, board member of The Family Link, receives our donation check from Cole Street assistant store manager, Chris.



COLE HARDWARE is sympathetic to the lack of government funding available to schools and worthwhile social causes these days, and at the same time realizes the importance of social responsibility for businesses of all sizes. And while we would love to give away the store, so to speak, to all of the wonderful groups working toward admirable goals, we realized that we needed to come up with a program that benefits all the organizations that request our assistance. Thus, the birth of the Community Partners program! Member organizations enjoy these free benefits:

Dividends: Once a year we send a gift card to the school or group for 10% of all purchases posted to

that account the previous year. Customers only need mention that they are part of a group's circle of friends when checking out, and the transaction is posted to that group's account.

Donations: We donate cases of our own bottled water, Clearly Cole HARDWARE, and our Cutting Edge wine to our partners to serve at fund-raising events in San Francisco and Oakland for a suggested donation to raise more money.

Gift Cards: We're happy to donate Cole Hardware gift cards for silent auctions or raffles.



Publicize Your Event: With six to eight weeks notice, we're happy to publish details about your event in either our monthly Hardware Hotline or its online version, the Hardware eLine.

Please e-mail service@colehardware.com to see if your group or school has a dividend available or to request donations for your event.



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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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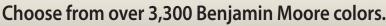
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