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Good sales, & good news to report! April Newsletter



(Community Forklifters wore their best Garden Party attire last weekend, despite the chilly day)



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**We're now on
our Summer
Schedule**

That means we have
more evening hours!

Dear Forklift Fans:

You voted. You told your friends about us, and they voted.
And now, for the second year in a row...

**The City Paper has named
Community Forklift
the Best Home Goods Store
in the DC area.**

Yippee!!!! This is great free publicity for our cause. Already, we've seen an increase in phone calls from folks who want to donate building materials. So, we just want to say:

BEST
of D.C. 2011

**Thank you so much
for voting!**

Sincerely, the Community Forklift Staff
(Nancy, Keith, Freddy, Ruthie, Doug, Alex, Bea, Curtis,
Debby, Erica, Jim, Joe, Katherine, Kitty, Lucinda, Matt, Nat,
and William)

P.S. - We'll let you know in the fall when voting begins
for the Washington Post Express Best of 2011 contest.

**Come on, you know
you wanna...**



We're open:
Wed & Th 10-8
Fri, Sat, & Sun 9-6
(Closed on Mondays &
Tuesdays)

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area, just 5 minutes
from the DC line.

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for:

a map and detailed
[directions to our
store,](#)

to learn how to [donate
building materials,](#)

or to support our work
with a [financial
contribution.](#)

**Thanks for
coming to the
Garden Party!**



There are a few
pictures on
our [blog](#) right now,

...get out in the sunshine and do a little good in the world!

We still need a ton of outreach volunteers over the next month at various events around town. Home Depot has millions of dollars to advertise - but to spread the word about reuse, we just have YOU. Check out our calendar, then email Ruthie or call 301-985-5180 to sign up for a shift! We are especially desperate for help at the following:

Tomorrow, Sunday, & April 9th: Building a Better Block



Join the Neighborhood Design Center, Community Forklift, and hundreds of community members & partners as we transform a half-vacant commercial block in nearby Mount Rainier into a vibrant "Main Street" with outdoor cafes, performers, local

vendors, and art installations. **We need volunteers and crafters for the event.**

The goal of the project is to show the economic potential of 34th Street while energizing the community (it's modeled on an event in Oak Cliff, Texas, which was so successful that just a month later, their abandoned strip was completely leased and full of new businesses).

TOMORROW & SUNDAY: From 9am - 3pm on April 2nd and 3rd, join us for Elbow Grease Weekend to clean and spruce up the street. We're meeting at the circle at Rhode Island Ave & 34th Street, then working our way up the hill.

April 9 (Rain date April 10): The day of the Better Block Party!! We need general volunteers to help with the event, and **creative folks to help with kids' crafts** at Community Forklift's booth.

For more info, visit [the event page](#) or the Better Block [Facebook page](#). To volunteer, email [Ruthie](#) or call her cell 301-904-7579.

April 9th, 10am -2pm H2O Fest in Germantown



Sponsored by WSSC, this is always a fun event! We need volunteers to hand out brochures, and help

but we promise that our Mid-April Update will have a full report on all the fun - and lots of cute dog photos!

Free Composting Workshop!



Who:

Open to all, no charge to attend. The [Hyattsville Environment Committee](#) (HEC) and the [Hyatt Park Community Garden Group](#) will hold a workshop on composting.

Where:

Hyattsville Municipal Building,
4310 Gallatin St,
Hyattsville, MD 20781

When:

April 26, 2011
7:30pm-9:00pm

What:

Christian Melendez of [ECO City Farms](#), will talk about compost, why you need it, how to compost the right



with an easy kid's craft activity. More info about it on the second page of their [brochure](#). Contact [Ruthie](#) or call her cell 301-904-7579 if you can help.



April Sales!

April showers keeping you away? With these deals, it will be worth it to pull on your rainboots and head to the 'Lift!

10-cent Granite Scraps

We're extending the granite scrap sale! Pay just a dime for granite counter scraps that are one square foot or less! *Sale does not apply to granite tile.*



The scraps make great edgers for your garden beds or walkways, or can be used for coasters or cheese platters. This [discussion](#) on Garden Web has more good ideas.



\$2 Granite

This month, pay \$2 per square foot for small granite counter pieces (measured at 3 square feet or less). Use them to make beautiful radiator covers or tops for small tables!

\$5 Tree Gators

They retail for \$25, but you can get them here for just five bucks each (limit 5 per household).

According to the manufacturer, Treegator® bags are designed to properly water a newly planted tree or shrub by slowly and evenly providing deep water saturation directly to the root zone, with no run-off or evaporation. If you have



way, how NOT to compost, compost bins, worms and everything else you can think of regarding composting! If you want your thumb to truly be green, you need to come to this workshop! A special thanks to Elizabeth Arnold for setting this up!

For More Info:
email
[Jim Groves](#)
or call him at
202-255-7593.

a thirsty large tree with a thick trunk, you can use two gators back-to-back.



Just fill the bag once a week... that's it. Installation is easy - zip it around the trunk, fill it with water, and walk away.

\$5 Sliding Door Panels



Pay just five bucks apiece for sliding door panels that are marked at \$24 or less, including mirrored panels and sliding shower door panels. (Sale does not apply to other styles of doors, sliding door sets in frames, or doors without orange price tags).

Don't need to replace a sliding door panel? Mirrored panels offer all sorts of creative reuse possibilities. Or, use sliding panels with insulated glass to turn a screened porch into a sunroom, to bring more light into your [workshed](#), or to build a [greenhouse](#)!

50% off Toilets

Take half off all toilets marked with orange price tags at \$20 or less (Sale does not apply to toilets with prices over \$20, or toilets without pricetags)



\$5 Wall-Mounted Sinks



We have a lot of wall-mounted vintage and modern sinks right now, so we're pricing them to go! Look for the sinks with \$5 orange price tags (Sale does not apply to sinks marked at other prices, or sinks without pricetags. Cannot be combined with other sales)

30% off Kitchen & Bathroom Sinks

Take 30% all modern & vintage sinks priced at \$100 or less, including stainless, cast iron, pedestal, and



cement cultured marble. (Sale does not apply kitchen cabinet sets that include sinks, bathroom cabinet vanity sets, or sinks without price tags. Cannot be combined with other sales).



While we're on the topic of sinks...do you dream of a vintage powder room? Right now, we have a bunch of bathroom sinks in hard-to-find colors!

50% off Chairs

Due to our mission, we focus on building materials - so we don't pick up many furniture donations. Somehow, though, chairs tiptoe through the back door in the middle of the night.



We'll show those sneaky chairs! We're putting chairs and sets of chairs on sale this month for half off the orange price tags (Sale does not include benches, chairs with white price tags, or chairs without price tags).

50% off Window Sashes



Take half off the marked price of standard window sashes. With this sale, most sashes will be just \$1 per square foot! (Sale does not include framed windows, unusual shapes, or specialty textures like pebbled, opaque or stained glass sashes. Sale does not include sashes from our Salvage Arts consignment partner, or sashes without orange tags)

You can use several for a [space divider](#). Crafters like to repurpose them for [picture frames](#), [wall art](#), and [jewelry organizers](#). Gardeners know they are great for building [cold frames](#) to start your seeds. Ella, one of our Forklift Fans, makes [mini-greenhouses](#) - she donated a beautiful one to our last silent auction!

Four Free

April Coupon



Pallets...

...per customer. If you have a damp basement, they are nice for elevating your stuff so air can circulate. Pallets are also great for building compost bins. Blogger [ThisGardenIsIllegal](#) lists detailed instructions on how to build one.

You could probably find all the other parts you need here at Community Forklift!
Limit one coupon per household per month.

Offer Expires: April 30, 2011.

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