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Veggie Plants! 50% Discounts!
Free dishwashers!
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May Newsletter



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A project of Sustainable Community Initiatives

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We're now on our Summer Schedule

That means we have more evening hours!
We're open:
Wed & Th 10-8
Fri, Sat, & Sun 9-6
(Closed on Mondays & Tuesdays)



May Sales & Ideas

Select Dishwashers & Wall Ovens: FREE!



Nope, there's nothing wrong with them - we just have too many and our appliance section is getting crowded! Look for the round neon "Free" stickers. *Limit one per household.*



Visit us!

Our huge warehouse is located at:
4671 Tanglewood Dr,
Edmonston MD
20781

We're in the Hyattsville area, just 5 minutes from the DC line.

Please visit our website 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](#).

Reuse In The News



Washington Business

\$1 Mini-Blinds

Pay just \$1.00 each for standard vinyl and metal mini-blinds. *Sale does not apply to plantation-style wood or faux-wood blinds.*

[Ideas for repurposing mini-blinds](#) include plant markers in gardens; woven coasters,

baskets, placemats and table-runners; gift tags; and even cute lil' picket fences for container plants.



\$2 "Orphan" Cabinets



Standard kitchen cabinets marked at \$25 or less are just \$2 while supplies last. *Sale does not apply to vanities, cabinet sets, bathroom cabinets, other types of furniture, or cabinets without price tags.*



Used kitchen cabinets can be reused for tv cabinets, media stands, and garage or laundry storage. Orphaned cabinet doors make great serving trays, too. A simple paint job, a stencil, add handles and...voila!

Manager's Special: 30% off Select Cabinet Sets



We've got a lot of cabinet sets right now, and it's getting crowded. Look for the neon stickers to save big!

We've got some gorgeous reclaimed sets that are perfect for a green kitchen remodel, and some nice sturdy sets that would make excellent storage for workshops and garages. Come in soon and take a look!

\$2 Granite Scraps

This month, pay \$2 per square foot for small granite counter pieces (measured at 3 square feet or less). Use them to make tops for small tables, or shelves for the tops of radiators.

Sale does not apply to granite tile or granite larger than 3 sq. ft.



50% off Wooden Work Tables / Potting Tables

Take half off the marked price on select work tables. *Sale does not apply to specialty work tables or tables without price tags.*

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.*



50% off Doors

Take half off all salvaged doors marked at \$35 and under, including modern doors, French doors, vintage wood panel doors, flush doors, framed doors, storm doors, and security doors. *Sale does not include surplus doors, or doors without price tags.*



Great ideas for repurposing doors include desks, tables, pot racks, leaning bookshelves, headboards, or even planters for an outdoor display.

Journal:

"What do some of Washington's sleekest restaurants have in common? A design firm called Edit."

And guess where the creative folks at Edit come for inspiration? The Forklift!

Washington Times:

"Reclaim and Recycle while Renovating."

An interesting look at how building materials are reused & recycled in the DC area.

Community Classifieds



Port-O-Let for sale, \$125

While doing extensive renovations, one of our volunteers found it very convenient have this portable toilet on the jobsite.

He is



If your home is on the small side, here's a nice space-saving project: look for "barn door hardware" to turn vintage panel doors into beautiful wall-mounted sliding doors. You can order a fancy hardware kit online, but it may cost less at a locally-owned hardware store (type in your zip code [here](#) or [here](#) to find a mom & pop shop in your neighborhood)

now offering it for sale at \$125, with \$25 of the proceeds going to Community Forklift's building fund. Please call Everett at 202-650-3402 if you are interested.



Bar-Height Benches

We have a bunch of benches from a billiard hall renovation, currently priced at just \$75 each! Great for creating extra seating along the wall of a rec room.



Plant Sale at the 'Lift



The [Neighborhood Farm Initiative](#) is returning to Community Forklift for their second annual plant sale! They will be at our warehouse every Saturday in May from 10am - 1pm.

Seedlings will be \$1.50 - \$3.50, including Tomatoes, Peppers, Basil, Lettuces, Kale, Collards, Parsley,



Oregano, Thyme, Cilantro, Cat Grass, and more!

For pre-ordering or more information, [email NFI](#) or call 301-779-2321. Proceeds benefit their work to create demonstration gardens for hands-on community-wide gardening education, thereby increasing access to fresh vegetables for all members of our community, regardless of income.



Stuff we think is cool

Hyattsville House Tour May 15

This tour includes a castle-like stone armory, several charming homes, and a large nineteenth century manor undergoing major renovations. Tickets are only \$10 in advance! Visit the website of the [Hyattsville Preservation Association](#) for more info.



Native Plant Sale May 14 & 15



On Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15, the Hyattsville Elementary School PTA's 2nd Annual Native Plant Sale will be held at the school, 5311 43rd Avenue. Hours are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday and 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday. Visit the [Native Plant Sale website](#) for more information on the nearly 50 plant varieties for sale.

Old is the New Green May 17



The Tindale Team has invited Ruthie, our Outreach & Education Director, to speak at their real estate firm from 7pm - 9pm. Whether you are restoring an older home or seeking sustainable materials for a modern renovation, you'll pick up useful tips and info about local green renovation resources. It's free and open to the public - please RSVP at the [Tindale Team website](#). Pizza & wine will be provided by Sophany Stewart with [Bank of America Home Loans](#), who will be there to answer your questions about energy efficient mortgages.

Regional Bike to Work Day May 20

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association and Commuter Connections invites you to join thousands of area commuters to celebrate a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work! Ride to work with an experienced commuter convoy



and wear your FREE Bike to Work Day t-shirt at the office with pride. [Register now](#) - it's free, and there will be prizes, food, drink and more at 49 pit stops throughout the region.

Home & Garden Tour in Arlington May 22



The Tuckahoe Elementary Home and Garden Tour, which benefits the school's outdoor learning program, takes place May 22 from noon to 5 p.m. 703-228-5288. Visit their [website](#) for info. \$20 in advance, \$25 the day of the tour.

Shred, Recycle, and Donate in Montgomery County May 22 & June 25

On May 22 and June 25, shred and recycle your confidential paper, and donate clothing and household goods in working condition. Visit the [Division of Solid Waste Services](#) for more info (Donations benefit our friends at [A Wider Circle](#) and [Goodwill of Greater Washington](#)).



Free Radon Kits for DC residents



The DC Department of the Environment is offering **free radon test kits**. (The National Academy of Science estimates that radon causes between 15,000 and 22,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the US and that 12% of all lung cancer deaths are linked to radon.)

To receive your free radon test kit, call the Radon Hotline at (202) 535-2302 or sign up online at the [DDOE website](#).

Think local first

Some facts for you to consider the next time you're heading out to do some shopping...

Local business create jobs.

Small businesses are the largest employer nationally, and have created 64 percent of new jobs over the past 15 years. A recent study of Grand Rapids, Michigan found that if residents redirected just 10% of their spending from chain stores to locally owned businesses, the result would be \$140 million in new economic activity for the region, including 1,600 new jobs and \$53 million in additional payroll.



Local businesses keep money in the community

When you spend \$100 at a local business, 58% more money stays in your community than if you spent \$100 at a national chain store.



(graphic from the blog Manic Expressive)

Local businesses support the Forklift

Non-profit organizations receive an average of 350% greater support from local business owners than they do from non-locally owned businesses. We see that firsthand: local stores regularly donate surplus inventory to Community Forklift, but national chains rarely do.

More reasons to check out locally-owned hardware stores...

- * [District True Value](#) is now sponsoring group bike rides!
- * [Strosneider's Hardware](#) has a spring concert series, and they're having a Ladies' Night with how-to workshops on May 15th at their Bethesda store.
- * [Amicus Green Building Center](#) and [Eco-Green DC](#) have all kinds of useful info about green home improvement, and workshops throughout the year about new green products.
- * At [Ace Hardware](#) co-operative stores, May activities include free ink refills and ink cartridge recycling, and raffle prizes to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the Tenleytown store.

* Speaking of anniversaries, [Frager's Hardware](#) on Capitol Hill just celebrated their 90th, and has been giving away goodies every month. They're also selling limited edition tees with their iconic logo. \$2 of every shirt sale will be donated to the House of Ruth, a DC charity helping women, children and families to overcome domestic violence, homelessness, mental health disorders, and substance abuse.



May Coupon: Four Free Pallets

There are so many uses for pallets!

- * Build yourself some sturdy [patio furniture](#)



- * Create a [vertical wall garden](#)
- * Add castors for a stylish [coffee table](#)
- * Build a low-cost [shed or kid's playhouse](#)
- * Create a beautiful wall treatment, like the [deli counter](#) at Taylor Gourmet on H St. in NE DC.
- * 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.

**Limit one coupon per household per month.
Cannot be used for blue-painted or plastic pallets.
Offer Expires: May 31, 2011.**

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