



The Tool Belt



2nd Edition

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Welcome to the 2nd Edition of the InstallationMasters™ Tool Belt Newsletter. We created the newsletter to keep you informed on what is going on with the InstallationMasters™ Installer Certification Program; however we also want to hear from you. We want to know what you like about the program, and what can be done to make the program better. What kind of information do you want us to include in this newsletter? Send your comments to Ben Myers at bmyers@archtest.com.



TAX CREDITS AND REBATES FOR WINDOW AND DOOR REPLACEMENT

Are you promoting the tax credits and the utility company rebate programs for window and door installation to homeowners? You may realize some increased interest from homeowners if they know about these programs. Homeowners, who purchase products that improve their homes energy efficiency, can get 30% of the purchase price of the product (with a cap of \$1,500) back in a federal tax credit. Windows and entrance doors qualify if they are certified by the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) to have a U-factor of 0.30 or less and a Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) of 0.30 or less. For more information about this program, please go to www.energystar.gov/taxcredits, or www.nfrc.org/InformationonTaxRebatesandtheStimulusPackage.aspx. NFRC has a fact sheet that you can print off and hand to homeowners that explains the program. In addition, several states and many utility companies are offering tax credits, grants, and rebate programs for installation of energy efficient products. Windows and doors qualify for some of these programs. Go to www.dsireusa.org to see if any of these programs are available in your area.



Architectural Testing

Attention All Installers:

Has your information changed?

Please keep us updated of any changes to your home address, company name or e-mail.

Please email updates to:
lsullivan@archtest.com
kyetter@archtest.com
Or
717-764-7700

InstallationMasters™ Website Update

If you have not been to the InstallationMasters™ Website in a while, you may want to take a look at the changes that were made earlier this year. In general, the website was re-organized to make it easier to navigate. There were also several additions that made a great improvement to the website. On the opening page, we can list upcoming classes. For those of you who are instructors, please take advantage of this opportunity to advertise your classes. We added a News page, so these newsletters can be posted for quick reference. We also added a Testimonials page. If you would like to have a testimonial listed on that page, please send them to Ben Myers at bmyers@archtest.com. Also note that we can link your name on the website to your e-mail address, and your company.

Recertification Reminder

Don't let your certification lapse! If you are within six months of your certification expiration date, please contact Karen Yetter or Leanne Sullivan at kyetter@archtest.com, lsullivan@archtest.com, or you may contact our office at (717) 764-7700.

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