



The Tool Belt



4th Edition

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The Issues

Welcome to the 4th Edition of the InstallationMasters™ Tool Belt Newsletter. There are several important issues that we will cover in this issue. Send your comments to Ben Myers at bmyers@archtest.com.

EPA Lead Requirements for Renovators

(Yes, it pertains to window and door installers)

In case you haven't heard yet, if you are going to replace windows in homes or child occupied buildings that were built before 1978, you will be required by law to be an EPA Certified Lead Renovator and conform to the lead containment and clean-up requirements. Originally there was an "opt-out rule" for homes where no pregnant women or children under the age of six (6) resided. However, the EPA has stated that the rule is being dropped. If you would like more information about the law, go to <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>. This law will go into effect on April 22, 2010. The fine for not conforming to this law is \$32,500 per instance, per day that the house is in violation of the law.

In order to become an EPA Certified Lead Renovator, you must attend an eight (8) hour course and pass a written examination. Architectural Testing is currently working toward becoming a training provider; we will notify you when we are approved by the EPA. In the mean time, if you have a pressing need for training; you may want to consult the web site at <http://www.nchh.org/training/calendar.aspx> to locate a class in your area.



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Homestar Program (Cash for Caulkers)

Thank you to everyone who sent a letter to their federal representatives supporting the proposed Homestar Program. This program will offer tax incentives to anyone who makes energy efficiency improvements to their home, including window installations. However, we all know that the most efficient window in the world will not perform properly if it is not installed correctly. Therefore, it is up to us to point out this fact to our federal representatives.

If you have not written a letter to your representatives, please do so as soon as possible. If you do not know how to locate your representatives, or need a blank letter to sign your name to, contact Ben Myers at bmyers@archtest.com. If you would like more information on the program, you can download the proposal that is currently being discussed at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/091204-PERAB-Home-Retrofits-Memo-Final.pdf>

Commercial InstallationMasters™ Program

We are proud to announce the InstallationMasters™ Commercial Window and Door Installer Certification Program will be launched in the next few months. This program will be based upon the AAMA IPCB-08 standard, which covers unit windows and doors installed in commercial buildings. The program will operate very similarly to the residential program. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Ben Myers at bmyers@archtest.com.

Attention All Installers:

Has your information changed?

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

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