

Contractor Service & Industry Bulletin

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Oneonta Block Company invites you and a guest to our... 2nd Annual Product Showcase and Customer Appreciation Dinner

Featuring displays and booths from

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*The event will be held on Thursday, April 1, 2010, at 5:00 at the
Holiday Inn Arena, 2-8 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 607-722-1212*

*Please RSVP by March 20 to Lael at 607-432-6641
If you would like to bring more than one guest, please call.*

UNILOCK *Landscape Architects*



Oneonta Block Company and Unilock are pleased to invite you to attend a **FREE Architectural Paving Session worth 1 CEU unit for HSW**. The session includes NYU104 Architectural & Decorative Paving for 1.0 HSW Credit Held from 3:45 to 5 p.m. immediately prior to the Product Showcase and dinner at the Holiday Inn Arena. Please RSVP to Lael at 607-432-6641

Everyday Office Ergonomics

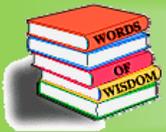
Good ergonomics fits the task to you rather than forcing you to adapt to the task. That means you work in a comfortable, natural position and avoid straining, overreaching and awkward movements that can lead to painful conditions such as carpal tunnel syndrome, neck tension, tendinitis and upper body aches and pains.

Time for a comfort Check Aim to check off all of these ergonomic best practices as they apply

- When sitting at your workstation, your **feet** are flat on the floor. Your seat does not press against the back of your knees or lower legs.
- Your **monitor** is at eye level, straight ahead and at a distance at which you can read the screen without leaning forward or backward.
- When you type, your **elbows** are comfortably at your sides, each elbow at a right angle, and your forearms are parallel to the floor.
- Your work **materials** are within easy reach.
- Your **keyboard** is positioned so that key stroking can be performed with your wrists, hands, knuckles, and fingers in a relaxed, natural or neutral position.
- You **type** gently
- Your **armrests** do not interfere with your movement.
- You maintain good **posture**.



When possible, vary your work activities to break from repetitive motions and constant work positions.



"The dictionary is the only place that success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must pay for success. I think you can accomplish anything if you're willing to pay the price" -- **Vince Lombardi**



Otsego Ready Mix, Inc.
Ready to go for **Spring**



NYS Inspections

"Otsego Ready Mix is ready to go for spring", says Jim Empie, Otsego Ready Mix Manager. "New York State Inspection teams inspected and approved our plant and equipment in Jan 2010."

The Plant inspection consisted of checking the accuracy of the aggregate and cement scales, testing all admixes, water, plus any monitoring and measuring equipment. Once the annual inspection had been accomplished a regular 3 month cycle of inspections will be performed by NYS of all measuring systems throughout 2010. All truck mixers were checked for fin condition, revolution counters, scales, barrel capacity to assure accuracy in all mixes.

Jim states the winter hours, Monday through Friday, are from 6:30am to approx 2 pm or when all pours have been completed. This will continue thru March. Once April and more day light arrives the hours of operation will be increased to provide expanded service for our customers. Be sure to call Jim or Sue at 607-432-3400 for your ready mix needs.

Wood Grading Stakes

SKU # 6785318
1" x 2" x 24 bundle of 24 \$7.99

SKU # 6783526
1" x 2" x 36" bundle of 24 \$9.99

Available in Stock



Pine chisel point for use in all types of construction and around the home.

Spyder Scraper

Turn your reciprocating saw into a scraper
With the Spyder Scraper Accessory



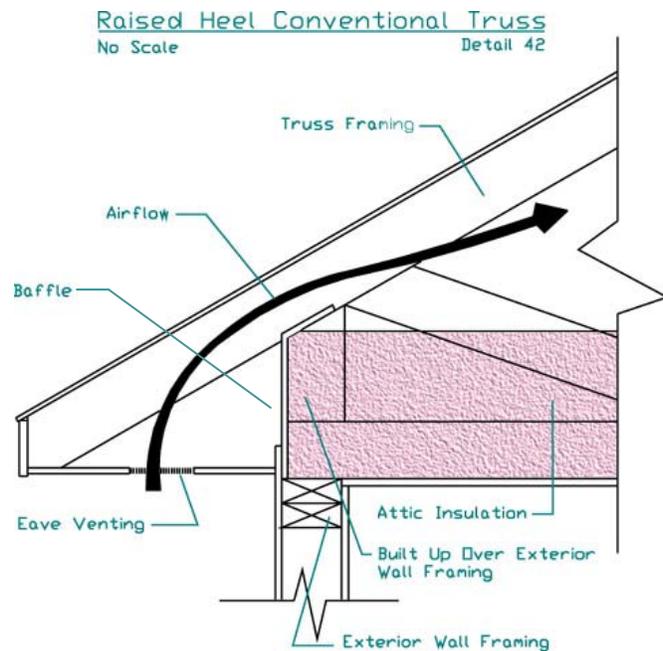
The SS3PK Kit contains these blades
1 – 2" Wide, 1 – 4" Wide, 1 – 6" Wide

Just \$24.99 / Kit

Achieving Best Results when Using Raised Heel Trusses



These insulation baffles (pictured above are ineffective since they are misplaced and damaged from heavy condensation. The baffles should be rigid and placed as shown (picture below) to keep wind from blowing under the insulation.



Keep wind from blowing under the insulation – wind washing – and causing condensation, mold and mildew at the ceiling corners.

Market Report

Paul Barnhart



At a time when we hopefully are all engaged in quoting for upcoming Spring jobs, bear in mind that the current global and domestic economic situations must be factored into the prices of all types of materials. Recent notifications are calling for an increase in steel studs and panels in April. Clark Western steel studs reflect on increases posted by steel mills in each month since January with the anticipation that the trend will continue through at least April and May. Wood mouldings, sanded plywoods and pine veneer doors are currently being dramatically impacted by the earthquake in Chile where more than 30% of such products are produced for the US market. Expect not only increases in those areas but shortages as well.

Price adjustments currently announced:

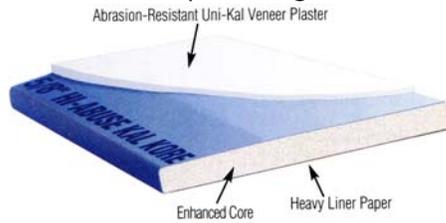
Metal Sales	4/19	TBA
Clark Western steel studs	4/1	10%
All Gypsum Manufacturers	3/15 to 4/1	TBA
ADS Pipe	3/18	5%
Dow ISO Board	4/1	7%

Defining Gypsum Board Products

Let us help you decide

Pickett's offers a good mix of products and a good mix of inventory. We carry the following items in stock.

Kal-Kor with Tapered Edge, 1/2" x 4' x 8' – In Stock



A gypsum plaster base with a blue absorptive face paper surface. Designed to permit rapid trowel application and strong bond with Kal-Kote, Uni-Kal and X-Kalibur Plasters

High Flex Gypsum, 1/4" Thick – 4' x 8' – In Stock



Designed for use in radius walls and ceiling construction. I can be used for both concave and convex surfaces. 1/4" High Flex is typically applied in double layers. Consist of a fire resistive gypsum core encased in heavy, natural-finish paper, and long, slightly tapered edges.

Standard Gypsum, 3/8" x 4' x 8' and 1/2" x 4' x 8', 10', 12' 14', 16' – In Stock



Regular board, fire resistant. Not Rated. Used for all-around construction. Permits smooth joint treatment. Surface takes any decorations

XP Gypsum with Tapered Edge, 1/2" x 4' x 8', 10' – In Stock



Designed to provide extra protection against mold and mildew compared to standard board. Mold and moisture resistant gypsum core with 100% recycled purple paper on each side.

XP Fire Shield Gypsum, 5/8" x 4' x 8', 10' – In Stock



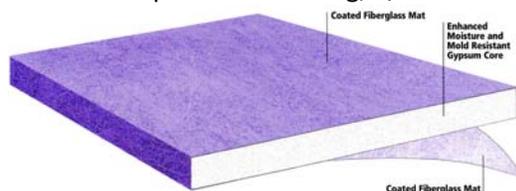
Fire resistive Type X gypsum core and designed to provide extra protection against mold and mildew with moisture resistance.

Fire-Shield Gypsum, 5/8" x 4' x 8', 10', 12' – In Stock



Type X core to achieve fire resistance ratings when used in a recommended system.

Extended Exposure Sheathing, 5/8" x 4' x 8' - In Stock



A moisture and mold resistant, extended exposure panel designed to meet the requirements of a substrate for exterior assemblies.

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