



## Name Change to Bluestone & Hockley Maintenance:

### *New Name, Same Great Service*



Bluestone & Hockley Real Estate Services is proud to announce that our Maintenance Department will now be operating under the name **Bluestone & Hockley Maintenance**. This change, effective in January, is meant to distinguish

the Maintenance Team's work from the efforts of Bluestone & Hockley property managers.

**Our Maintenance Team, is ready and willing to work for you!**

In keeping with this name change, the B&H Maintenance trucks have been updated. They now show the company phone number on the back windshield and MAINTENANCE has replaced Real Estate Services on the side.

Starting in February, the Maintenance team will begin its training in Lead-Based Paint Renovations and Repairs so that we will be ready to safely contain lead dust for projects with older housing. We have five EPA Certified Renovators: Chuck Hodges, Bryce Higgins, Brian Keechle, Jimmy Hurley, and John Simpson. These five will lead our team in monthly classes until the training and hands-on exercises are complete.



### Quick Money-Saving DIY Home Projects

- 1) Don't buy a leaf blower—raise your lawn mower deck to its highest setting and roll over the leaves to create mulch.
- 2) Don't pay to refinish stained stone counters—mix flour and hydrogen peroxide, spread over the stain, cover with plastic overnight, and scrape off in the morning.
- 3) Don't retile the bathroom—rent a steam cleaner and use it on tiled surfaces to remove grime and mildew.
- 4) Don't buy a new stove—just replace the burners and drip pans to make it look like new.
- 5) Don't replace your showerhead—dissolve mineral deposits by soaking the head in a 50/50 water and vinegar solution overnight.



Source: All tips taken from *This Old House*, Dec. 2010.

### A Full Service Real Estate Company You Can Count On

- Real Estate Sales and Leasing
- Consulting
- Property Maintenance
- Member of OAA, IREM & BOMA



### Property Maintenance Services:

- Handyman Services
- Preventative Maintenance
- 24 Hour Emergency Maintenance
- Service Contracts
- Free Bids
- Licensed, Bonded, and Insured

OR CCB# 63068  
WA CCB# BLUESHRO1634

Learn More About Us Online:

[Bluestonehockley.com/maintenance](http://Bluestonehockley.com/maintenance)



## Blue Knows Green



### Our Team is Dedicated to Being Green!

We want to protect the environment and help our clients conserve energy in their homes.

**That's why we install CFL bulbs whenever possible.**

Compact fluorescent lights, or CFLs, have very energy efficient qualities. Not only do these light bulbs utilize less energy, but they produce less heat – which means less energy used for cooling costs and a longer life for the bulb.



Compact fluorescent bulbs use about 25% of the energy of an incandescent bulb, to produce the same amount of light. So a 15-watt CFL can replace a 60-watt incandescent bulb, saving energy and heat.

The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 requires the phase-out of incandescent light bulbs beginning in 2012, though most stores have already begun to reduce sales of these bulbs. The Act states that by 2014 all incandescent bulbs should be off the market.

The Act states that by 2014 all incandescent bulbs should be off the market.

NOTE: CFLs do contain trace amounts of mercury, so please dispose of them responsibly.

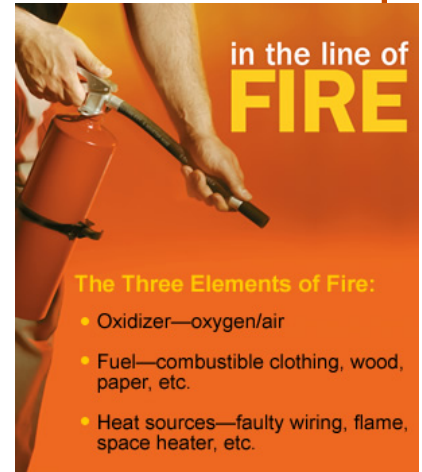


For more information, visit:  
<http://www.epa.gov/cfl>

## Safety Tips: Burn Prevention

February 6th through 12th is the **National Burn Awareness Week** so here's a few safety tips to help prevent any injuries:

- 1) Hot water can cause burns quickly—it only takes 5 seconds for 140° water to cause 3rd degree burns. This can be prevented by adjusting your water heater to at or below 120°F.
- 2) Check all your smoke alarms regularly. To help ensure they will work, install detectors with 10yr. lithium batteries to prevent any problems with faulty or dead regular batteries.
- 3) Keep all space heaters at least three feet away from anything flammable. Turn them off when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- 4) Have a service person inspect chimneys, fireplaces, wood and coal stoves, and central furnaces once a year. Have them cleaned regularly.
- 5) Read the label of everything you buy. If you see the words "Caution," "Warning," "Danger," or "Flammable," be very careful and keep away from sources of heat.



## Handy Reminders: Tire and Carbon Monoxide Detector Laws



1) Remove Your Studded Tires: Now that the winter weather will soon be over, it's time to remove your traction tires (and chains) and swap them out for regular tires. In Oregon, studded tires are only legal from **November 1st through March 31st** because they cause damage to the roads and highways.

2) Install Carbon Monoxide Detectors: Last year, in July 2010, Oregon instated new laws regarding the requirement of CO detectors in homes to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Any properties with a carbon monoxide source being sold or rented as of July 1st, 2010, must have a detector. According to the law, all properties must be in compliance with these rules by **April 1st, 2011**. So go out, buy a detector, and install it today!

## Employee News

- We have a new employee! **John Simpson** comes to B&H with 12 years of construction industry experience. We are excited to add John to our team. He is Certified to work with Lead-Based Paint Renovations and is also licensed as an HVAC technician.
- The Maintenance techs recently got new phones, and they are very happy with the increased efficiency they have seen with the Sprint LG Androids.



### Anniversaries:

February: Brian Keechle, 1 year at B&H and Jose Rodriguez, 2 years.