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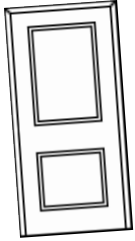
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THE DOORS GOT TO GO... (NOT THE ROCK BAND)



We just broke down the door display from upstairs & have some awesome prices on a few doors.

Interior doors: hollow core, no hinge or knob cut outs.

Prices starting at \$30.00!

Need a one-of-a-kind exterior entry door?

Have we got a beauty for you!

Solid core, no hinge or knob cut out.

Price starts at \$60.00 - \$120.00!



No hinge/knob cutouts mean these doors can swing either way —pretty cool!

THEY SAY SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER! YEA!!!

Skagit Gardens is ramping up to start our live plant season a bit early. Our first shipment will arrive on March 5th. We're looking forward to the new and exciting things they have in store for us! Plants will be arriving regularly on Fridays, so keep a look out!



AMERICAN INGENUITY

Many years ago, the Ford Motor Co's slogan was "Put a Ford in your garage." Maybe we need to add "Put a Ford Super Filter in your home!" Ford has come up with a very simple filtering system for classrooms and homes that increases ventilation and reduces the possibility of virus partial concentration in small places.

The automaker worked with the University of Minnesota to test the system, which showed positive results in reducing particles and droplets in the air of a class size room! What's needed? A 20" box fan + an n95 or at least a MERV 12 rated furnace filter and you're good to go.

I'm so proud of the Ford Motor Co! They encourage replication and widespread use by anybody. You go, Ford!

Now here's how simple this thing is: Place the filter in the top of the box (see image at right) with the box fan pointed down over it. The fan will push room air through the filter then filtered air will leave the bottom of the box back into the room. This is simple enough that we can all do this without Dr. Fauci or any of his governments.

By the way, we bought every 20" box fan and filter that we could lay our grubby little hands on. This little guy is not meant to take the place of any other virus related tool, medicine, or anything else for that matter. I personally look forward to the day that the EXCHANGE is flooded with 20" box fans that are no longer needed!



WHY WE LOVE ORGILL

I know Orgill sounds a lot like what you do to get over a sore throat without the "G." It's really the 2nd largest hardware distribution company in the world; it's family owned and has been around since 1847. We don't take credit for the fact that they were ranked 4th when we shook hands and joined them, but it didn't hurt.

You may not know this, but during the heart of the pandemic when it seemed that the whole world was on total lockdown, there just was not enough hardware products to go around. Orgill had to decide who they could and could not service. Their choices in our neighborhood were to serve a huge, very famous, Northwest store with over 10 times as many staff and likely sales as you-know-who. Well at the time, they were providing a rather small portion of the large hardware store's needs. At the same time, we had been committed to Orgill entirely. Who to choose? Tough question.

Have you noticed that throughout this pandemic, we have been out of very few of the 24,000 hardware store items that Orgill supplies us? Well, the answer lies in some of the lyrics of my very favorite Roy Orbison song "and she turned around and walked away with me"!!

WE'RE RUNNING WITH FORD'S GREAT IDEA

We're selling the air cleaner starter kit at Island Hardware for your ease of assembly. Just add the box!

20" square box fan \$26.99

20x20x1 filtrete filter \$20.49

Some desert towns operate on a bit skinnier budget than we do. Of course, there isn't quite as much timber to burn here. Get a load of the about 70-year old town ambulance. It needs to be kept in tiptop shape because it needs to be able to make the 101 mile trek across the desert to the nearest hospital in Grand Junction, Colorado. Google says it's a one-hour and 26 minute trip. My daughter says her mini van has made it in just over an hour and ten!



MY NEIGHBORS: DEER OF THE DESERT

Ever wondered what our Orcas deer population along with our lush forest habitat would look like if we relocated it to our southwestern desert? When you're mostly retired, you have time in between tortuous hunts to ponder this sort of thing.

Wild donkeys are remnants of the gold and silver mining booms and busts that originally developed these arid deserts of the Southwest. Sixty percent of the country's wild horses, donkeys, and maybe even rednecks reside in Nevada today.

Hi! My name is Keagan. I was born a heroin addict. My birth mom chose heroin over me. After my first three weeks in something called "detox," I got to go home with my two adopted moms. Now I have four dogs, tons of friends and relatives, two moms, an uncle next door, and the coolest Jeep in all of Pahrump, Nevada! I know my Uncle Paul loves me even if he's always wearing a mask and can't pick me up just yet. You know how I know? He got me the Jeep. Anything can get better with a little faith.



We ran a borrowed Honda generator that was sitting on a wood pallet until it quit. Why would a Honda ever quit? It jiggled so much on the unstable pallet that it jelled the oil until it lost pressure and stopped automatically before any damage was done—in other words, operator error. Store this hint away and it might save your bacon.