

Neighbors InDeed Gets It Together at Lincoln's Home Depot

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Working with Neighbors InDeed's Handy Helpers program, Lincoln's Home Depot has made it easy for Lincoln Hills residents to find what we need for our home repairs and improvements.

Launched in 2008, this cooperative venture is becoming increasingly useful as our homes age and more household items require replacement.

In the covered area outside the store entrance on the right (marked "Contractor-Pick-Up") you'll discover a display with a bright yellow "Sun City Approved" starburst and an array of sample items for Lincoln Hills homes. You'll find these and other items available inside, easily located with assistance from helpful staff and identified by the same Sun City starburst.



Some examples of these highlighted supplies:

- doorbell buttons
- street number illumination bulbs
- toilet flap valves
- HVAC filters
- under-counter fluorescent light bulbs
- supply lines for washers, toilets, sinks
- refrigerator filters
- sprinkler heads
- drip system supplies
- solenoids and other irrigation valve parts
- carbon monoxide detectors
- door security hardware
- water heater

At the Pro Desk inside the same entrance is a binder created exclusively for Lincoln Hills homes, listing many replacement supplies by part number and the aisles where they're located. If you don't find what you need there, Wendy Powell or an assistant will special-order it for you while you partake of the nearby free coffee on weekdays. Nice!

Need touch-up paint for your walls or trim? Kinney Jones or another paint department specialist can reproduce the original "Sun City White" many of our homes came with and will match whatever color you have in an old can or on a stick.

Which prompts a Handy Helper Hint: When replacing a part of something, like a toilet flap valve or irrigation valve component, bring the old part with you if possible to ensure a match. It's no fun having to return something that doesn't fit.

And speaking of Handy Helpers: Once you're home from the store with that new item and need help installing it, call Neighbors InDeed at 223-2763. A Handy Helper volunteer will come and do the job.

Well, not EVERY job. We won't install that water heater, repaint that room, or do other work requiring professional skills or more than a half-hour or so. But we can install most of the items listed above and handle a variety of other repair and maintenance tasks. Handy Helpers have received training from Home Depot staff in several areas—another benefit from their cooperative relationship.

Of course you'll still have to pay for parts and other items, but Handy Helper labor is free. Donations to Neighbors InDeed are gratefully accepted but never required.

