

This month's product promotions, company news and more.



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"We deliver drywall but we sell service."

Dick Mueller
Co-Founder of GMS

Welcome to the January edition of **"Gator Gypsum News Bytes."** We're glad to connect with you again!

Thanks for a Great 2017!

As the new year begins and we look forward to 2018, we'd like to first look back at 2017 and thank our customers for another great year and your continued support. While 2017 brought challenges in the form of several major storms, it also brought innovative new tools and materials to help your projects run smoother and more efficiently. As we prepare for the new year, there are many new construction opportunities and large commercial projects coming to the Florida market. Gator Gypsum is here to help you in 2018.



We want to start the new year off on the right foot with a thanks to our customers. On February 22, we are beginning a new tradition at Gator Gypsum - Spring Expo 2018.

We're inviting all current and prospective customers to our [Tampa yard](#) for a few hours of fun, food, information, product demos, and most importantly, the opportunity to show our appreciation and give back to the community. Our suppliers will be on hand to demonstrate how their products can benefit your business and help you become more productive, and we will provide a catered lunch as our way of saying "Thank you" for your continued patronage.

Please plan to join us for our first-ever Gator Gypsum Spring Expo, and mark your calendar now for February 22! Consider it the first of many invitations to be our guest!

Gator Gypsum Holiday Celebration

On December 8 the employees of Gator Gypsum Central - Tampa, Sarasota, and Clearwater - gathered for a party to celebrate the holidays

and give thanks for 2017.

In our efforts to give back to the community in this season of giving, Gator Gypsum collected a large quantity of toys to help support the Toys for Tots drive.



We hope the holidays were joyful for you and your family. May the new year bring happiness, safety, and good tidings for you all.

Product Spotlight: Freud Diablo Metal Cutting Tools

In our continuing quest to be the best service provider in the industry, Gator Gypsum is proud to introduce and welcome [Freud cutting tools](#) to our Tampa location. One Freud Diablo carbide saw blade can outlast 50 standard bi-metal blades!



Stop by our Tampa yard today and check out the full line of Freud Diablo metal-cutting saw blades. While you're there, you can also [browse our extensive selection of power and hand tools](#). Gator Gypsum stocks a wide variety of tools from top manufacturers.

Product Spotlight: DeWalt DCN890 Nailer

DEWALT

ENGINEERED BY POWERS

DCN890
20V MAX*

Cordless Concrete Nailer

INTERCHANGEABLE CONTACT TRIPS

- Application versatility
- Removable; allows for tool-free jam clearing

ACCESSIBLE DRIVER BLADE

- The only competitive concrete nailer with a field-serviceable driver blade
- Driver blade can be replaced in under 2 minutes



ADJUSTABLE POWER

- Variable power settings for pin depth adjustment
- The only competitive concrete nailer with variable power settings

BRUSHLESS MOTOR

- Comparable application speed to gas concrete nailers

DUAL LED'S

- Help illuminate work surface
- Provide diagnostics on tool

FEATURED MAGAZINE

- Angled orientation allows for access in tight areas
- Removable; allows for tool-free jam clearing

20V MAX* PLATFORM

- Gasless – runs on DEWALT 20V MAX* battery
- Up to 600 shots per charge!



The new DeWalt DCN890 battery-powered nailer is now in stock at all Gator Gypsum locations! The DCN890 requires no gas cartridge for nailing into concrete. It is both more environmentally sound and requires no special licensing for the user. Best of all, you can now use the DeWalt batteries you already have to power your concrete nailer!

[Visit your local Gator Gypsum yard](#) to check out this game-changing tool!

Free Safety Training from Gator Gypsum

At Gator Gypsum, safety is a way of life. Both our employees and our customers perform work on sites that present multiple safety hazards. In order to ensure that everyone returns home safely at the end of each workday, we integrate safety into every aspect



of our work, from storage and retrieval of material in our yard, to the safe transportation and delivery of materials to customers' job sites.

Creating and maintaining a safe working environment requires a significant financial commitment, but we believe that our success as a company relies on protecting our greatest assets - our employees and customers.

Our safety expertise is also an important asset for our customers. We are trained in the use of the safety equipment and products that we stock and use, and our manufacturer partners are happy to provide safety training to our customers as well.

Two of our vendor partners, Guardian Fall Protection and STI Firestop, provide expert instruction on the use of personal safety gear and the correct construction materials and installation techniques for achieving construction fire ratings and enhancing the fire safety of the completed building. Though safety training is expensive, we're happy to provide it to customers free of charge, for all safety equipment and products purchased from Gator Gypsum.

[To arrange a safety training session, contact us.](#)

Product Spotlight: Armstrong ShortSpan Framing System

Armstrong ShortSpan framing is a faster, easier way to frame a suspended drywall ceiling, using less material than traditional framing methods.

Using ShortSpan cross tees and locking angle molding to frame ceilings offers the following benefits:

- Supports spans up to 8'-6" without additional support to structure
- Prevents screw spin-off with reverse hem
- Eliminates measuring with pre-engineered locking tabs spaced 8" on center
- Prevents lateral and upward movement with locking tabs
- Eliminates need for screws, pop rivets, or crimpers to attach cross tees to molding



The revolutionary ShortSpan tee's "peak-form bulb" adds strength, allowing you to eliminate more than half of the supports to structure required using traditional framing methods and materials.

Watch Armstrong's [video demo of the ShortSpan Drywall Framing System](#) for a better idea of just how much time you can save on framing your next ceiling!

Gator Gypsum stocks the full line of Armstrong Ceiling Solutions. Consult one of our product specialists for assistance in choosing the best products for your next job.

For more information about Gator Gypsum, including our services and product offerings, [visit our website](#).

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With seven yard locations across Florida.