

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**

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

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## Happy Independence Day!

In observance of Independence Day, all Gator Gypsum locations will be closed on Wednesday, July 4. We will be open again on July 5 for our regular business hours.

We hope you enjoy a happy holiday!



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## Product Spotlight: Porter Cable Drywall Sander

The Porter Cable Drywall Sander provides a lot of sanding power in a lightweight, easy-to-use package.

With 4.7 Amps of sanding power in an 8.5-pound unit, this variable speed sander provides a range of 1400 to 2000 RPM and includes these features and benefits:

- Variable-speed settings from 1,400-2,000 RPM
- Brush-type skirt surrounding sanding pad prevents gouging of wall joints and aids in dust collection
- Motor located on opposite end of handle from sanding head for balance and control
- Built-in dust collection hose
- 13' vacuum hose for sanding large areas in one set up
- Articulating sanding head to allow sanding of wide area from one position
- Hook and loop straps for easy handling



Porter Cable's 7800 Drywall Sander package includes these accessories:

- Sanding pad
- 13' static-dissipating 1-1/4" vacuum hose
- Hook & loop straps for mounting power cord to vacuum hose
- Instruction manual

The sander carries a three year limited warranty from Porter Cable, which includes one year of free service and a 90 day money back guarantee.

Stop by [your nearest Gator Gypsum location](#) for a hands-on look at the Porter Cable 7800 Drywall Sander. While you're there, you can [browse our full selection of drywall tools](#).

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## May/June EIFS Newsletter

The May/June issue of EIFS Briefs, EIMA's bimonthly newsletter covering news of importance to the EIFS industry, is now available and includes these feature articles:

- Barriers to EIFS Challenged
- EIMA Announces Inaugural EIFS Hero Awards
- ASHRAE Advances Thermal Bridging Standard



[Read the full newsletter.](#)

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## Gator Gypsum Safety Presentation

At Gator Gypsum, we put a lot of emphasis on safety in everything we do, because we know we can't deliver good service if we don't operate safely.

Our safety regime is more comprehensive than we can relate here, so [we've put together a short PowerPoint presentation](#) that covers the safety guidelines we follow in our everyday operations, and the training and inspections we do on a routine, ongoing basis to keep our safety game sharp.



Remember that we also offer safety training for our customers. If you would like to schedule training on the proper use of personal safety gear or other safety topics, [contact us](#).

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## Gator Gypsum Blog: Firestop

In this month's Gator Gypsum blog post, Bill Hill looks at the exacting performance requirements for firestop materials, and expands on the reasons why Gator Gypsum should be your go-to source for firestop products, training, and technical service.

[Check out Bill's blog post for all the details.](#)

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## Regional News: \$500 Million Midtown Tampa Project Announced

The Bromley Companies, a New York-based real estate development company, has announced plans for a 1.8 million square foot development called Midtown Tampa.

The development will include hotel, retail, office, and housing space at the southeast corner of I-275 and N. Dale Mabry Highway. When completed, the development will help to link downtown Tampa with the booming Westshore area.



Bromley began assembling the 22-acre Midtown site in the early 1990s. Currently, the site is occupied by a single office building owned and managed by the company. The existing building will be

replaced by 240,000 square feet of retail and entertainment space, 750,000 square feet of office space, 400 condo and apartment housing units, and a 225-room hotel.

At an estimated cost of \$400 million to \$500 million, Midtown Tampa joins a list of mega projects in the Tampa Bay region, including:

- A \$1 billion update of Tampa International Airport
- The \$3-billion-plus Water Street development in the downtown Tampa-Channelside with up to 9 million square feet of mixed-use space and the University of South Florida Medical School
- The \$1.7 billion Port Tampa Bay mixed-use redevelopment of 45 acres in the Channelside area
- The \$350-million West River Redevelopment project along the Hillsborough River near downtown Tampa
- The \$200 million Westshore Marina District with apartments, condos, shops and restaurants

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