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The DIY Digest

Your Monthly Toolbox

From the Desk of Candeece,

Dear DIY Enthusiasts,

As the cool whisper of May greets us, it's a wonderful reminder of the community warmth we share here in Strathalbyn. This edition is packed with heartwarming stories, practical winter prep tips, and celebrations of new beginnings. Let's embrace the colder days with the warmth of community spirit and togetherness.

Winter Readiness: Preparing Your Home and Garden

As the temperatures drop, preparing your home and garden for winter is crucial. Here's how you can ensure your home remains warm and your garden vibrant:

1. Draft Check. When was the last time you checked your seals around your doors or windows? Before winter sets in, it's a good time to dust off the draft stoppers and check for unnecessary heat loss. Consider closing rooms you don't use to reduce heating bills.

2. Heating Systems Check: When was the last time you checked your reverse cycle air-conditioner filters, or made sure your fireplace wasn't going to smoke you out? Ensure your heating system is serviced and functioning efficiently before you need it.

3. Garden Care: Move sensitive plants indoors or into greenhouses. For those that remain outside, cover them with garden fleece to protect against frost.

4. Prepare for Early Frosts: Apply mulch to protect root systems and keep soil temperatures more consistent. Our store offers a variety of mulches like sugar cane, pea straw, and lucerne, available in convenient bales.

5. Raining Season: It might be hard to believe but with the cold comes the rain. Whilst we still have nice Autumn days, it's the opportune time to clean out those gutters and fix your stormwater before the rain comes.

These steps not only prepare your space for the cold months but also help in maintaining the efficiency and beauty of your home and garden.

Gas Guardians Alliance

On the first of April, we launched our upgraded Gas service to our customers. This evolved out of feedback from our customers given to Candeece whilst out and about delivering gas. Some of it good, some of it helping us to make changes designed to improve our service to you,

As part of the new and improved service we now offer copper pigtail change out for damaged pigtails - free of charge, we have implemented gas service tags to easily identify and track our deliveries. Customers receive delivery coupons for in-store savings for each delivery and exclusive monthly deals for those who sign up online. This is part of our goal to do things better.

Keep an eye out on our social media for the announcement of the first GGA gas giveaway winner.



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Customer Stories:

Kindling for Good: A Warm Story from Our Community

At Strathalbyn H Hardware, we believe in the power of recycling and the creative potential it holds. Rather than seeing our unused pallets end up in landfill, we've always encouraged the community to repurpose them in meaningful ways. These pallets, plain yet full of possibility, are freely available for those who wish to give them a new life.

Earlier this year, a spark of entrepreneurial spirit came from an unexpected source. Glen's son, a bright young member of our community associated with SSE, approached us with a simple yet insightful question: did we sell kindling? But he didn't stop there; he proposed a venture to supply us with kindling himself, aiming to fund his dream of buying a computer.

Inspired by his initiative, we now stock \$15 bags of pine kindling—each purchase directly supports his goal. When you pick up a bag of this kindling, you're not just buying firewood; you're helping fuel a young man's ambition and dedication to saving. It's more than warmth for your home; it's a spark of support for one of our own, turning recycled wood into a step towards a brighter future.

Celebrating Mother's Day: A Colourful Tribute to Our Mums

Mother's Day is coming up and we are celebrating the wonderful mothers of our community with a special event that's sure to add a splash of colour and joy to this special occasion. We understand the immeasurable impact mothers have on our lives—nurturing, teaching, and guiding us through every step. So it's time to have some fun, we're excited to announce our Mother's Day Colouring Competition, designed to let our little artists

shine and give them a chance to win a delightful Mother's Day hamper for their mum. This hamper is packed with treats and surprises that will surely bring a smile to her face and warmth to her heart.

How to Participate:

Grab a colouring page from our store or download it from our website, and let your child's imagination run wild.

Prizes:

The most creative colouring page will win a Mother's Day hamper filled with goodies that are perfect for making Mum feel special.

Submission:

Please return the completed colouring page to our store by May 9th. The winner will be announced on May 11th, right in time for Mother's Day celebrations.



Scan to Download Colouring Sheets

What's New at Strathalbyn H Hardware

Welcome Micah to Our Team!

We're excited to introduce Micah, the new face of our gas delivery service. With a commitment to excellent service and a friendly smile, Micah is looking forward to making sure your heating needs are met efficiently. Please join us in welcoming him to our community!

Keep up with more tips, stories, and exclusive offers by following us on Facebook and Instagram. Visit our blog for weekly updates and don't hesitate to reach out if you need advice or assistance with your projects!

From start to finish, we are with you every step of the way.



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