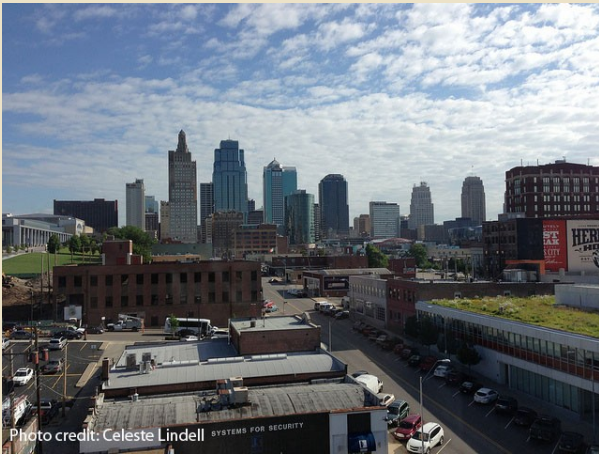




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Upcoming NeighborWorks Training

NeighborWorks Training Institute, Los Angeles, CA, February 23-27

Rural Initiative Rehab Workshop

On Tuesday, February 24 the NeighborWorks America Rural Initiative will be conducting a workshop to discuss and gather information on running rehab programs in rural America. Topics will include: program scale/ structure; funding, models, lending and best practices. Please join us at 4:30 pm on Tuesday in Santa Anita B, Lobby Level, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel and Suites to share your experiences and learn more.

NeighborWorks Training Institute, Kansas City, MO, May 4-8 - Registration is now open!

Of note, new courses for the KC NTI include:

- CP135 Successful Construction Using Factory Built Housing- with the industry leader NextStep
- CP151 Building Codes and Building Permits – How to Get Your Project Out of the Ground
- CP153 Basic Blueprint Reading
- CP195 Essentials of Healthy Housing – Practitioner Course

- CP239 How to Run an Effective Construction Meeting

We will also offer the courses for our one week certification in [Construction Management](#).

eClassroom Express Reminder

Cost effective, concise and valuable. [Click here](#) to get the most up to date info on our online training series. The next course offering will be **February 12**, [Healthy Homes Fundamentals \(CP001WT\)](#). [Register today!](#)

Other Training Opportunities

A reminder on a couple of other conferences to consider (As noted last month):

- [The National Community Reinvestment Coalition Conference](#) - Washington, DC - March 25-28, 2015. The conference will feature a wide range of workshops on community organizing and advocacy, housing, access to capital and credit, workforce and community development, fair lending, and business development.
- [The Center for Community Progress](#) - Detroit, Mi - May 19-21, 2015. The 6th annual reclaiming vacant properties conference provides information on the latest strategies and tools to revitalize America's cities and towns.

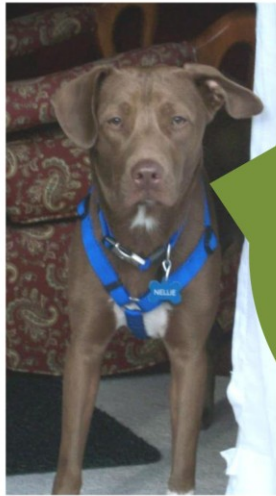
Product Information



[Handyman Calculator App](#)

For your electronic toolbox (smartphone or tablet) you might want to download this app. It provides simple and complete calculators for a number of functions. You can track your time and materials and/or use calculators for such items as drywall, paint, roofing and many other construction components. Helpful for in the field calculations and it's free!

Nellie's Notes



My human is getting ready for some spring cleaning and painting. He's done some research on more household products that may be found in your kitchen or pantry to help with cleaning.

-Nellie

Many of you know that club soda is a fantastic stain lifter. Pour it on fabric and blot—don't rub—to lift the stain. It's odorless and safe to drink so you don't have to worry about any toxic fumes or leaving around the house.

Got a bottle of cheap vodka in the cabinet. Vodka is a frugal and effective cleaning agent. It's a natural disinfectant it's completely nontoxic (for cleaning, not drinking). Works well for wiping down your marble and granite countertops with a clean sponge.

Need a copper cleaner for your pots and pans? Here's a simple solution - make a copper cleaner by mixing cream of tartar with half as much lemon juice – pretty much goes to work as it's applied.

Salt, it's just not for seasoning. Salt effectively absorbs oil and grease. It's especially useful for cleaning up spills in the oven, just sprinkle a pinch on fresh spills in the oven soon after they've cooled, and then wipe away. Another use, you can mix it with baking soda and dish soap for a scrub to clean tough grease and grime on your appliances.

Here's a quick way to polish your tarnished silver. Line a baking dish with aluminum foil. Add one tablespoon of baking soda, one tablespoon of sea salt, pour (slowly) in about a half cup of white vinegar and then one cup of boiling water. Place your silver in the mixture for about half a minute and remove using tongs. Buff with a clean rag.

And finally, vanilla extract. I've used this in paint to disguise unwanted odors for over 30 years. It can also be a method for freshening your microwave. Just fill a microwave safe bowl with 2 cups water and a few drops of vanilla extract. Set the microwave to high and run it for a minute. Remove the bowl of solution, wipe down the microwave interior and enjoy the refreshed smell of you microwave.

Certification Recipients

Congrats to Sister Cathy Manderfield for successfully completing her one week Construction Management Certifications after attending classes at the DC NTI and passing the course tests.

[Click here](#) to get more information about the one-week certifications and professional certificate programs.



Ideas or suggestions for the newsletter? Contact Dale Prunoske at DPrunoske@nw.org

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