

ClopayED CEUs now available online

In October, Clopay Corporation announced that, for the first time, its catalog of continuing education units (CEUs) is available on-demand online. Through ClopayED — the company's online learning platform — anyone in the architectural community can access Clopay's full suite of courses accredited by the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Topics range from designing for extreme weather to the history of cast-iron architecture. Once participants complete a CEU, they can pass an end-of-course assessment and view, download, and print their AIA credit certificate immediately. Course retakes are also available.

Participants can also track their CEU progress through their ClopayED accounts, request one-to-one support, and earn CEUs through Live Event Programs conducted by architectural product representatives. Topics include hurricane protection for rolling doors, emergency response rolling closure products, and improving hurricane and tornado safe room designs with rolling doors. ■



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Register now for IDA EXPO+ 2024

In November, the International Door Association (IDA) opened registration for its EXPO+ 2024, which is scheduled for April 23 to 26. The event will be held at the Las Vegas Convention Center and will include a full curriculum of educational sessions beginning on Tuesday, April 23, two days of exhibit hours, training and certification opportunities, and additional networking and social events.

The host hotel for EXPO+ 2024 is SAHARA Las Vegas. Visit www.doors.org for additional information about the show, rooms, discount codes, and more. ■

LIRA anticipates decline in residential remodeling for 2024

In October, the Remodeling Futures Program at the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University announced that national spending for home improvements and repairs is expected to decline by 7.7% through the third quarter of 2023 and continue to decrease at a moderate rate in 2024.

High interest rates and low inventory are projected to continue to hamper the housing market and influence remodeling activity, said Carlos Martin, Project Director of the Remodeling Futures Program at the Center.

Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity – Third Quarter 2023



Notes: Improvements include remodeling, additions, and structural alterations that increase the value of homes. Routine maintenance and repairs increase the current quality of homes. History of estimates since 2017 are projected using the LIRA model until American Housing Survey data becomes available. © 2023 JCHS and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. JCHS is a joint center of Harvard University and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Fencetech/METALfab 2024 is around the corner

The American Fence Association (AFA) Fencetech and METALfab 2024 annual convention and trade show is scheduled for Jan. 23 to 26 at the Music City Center in Nashville, Tenn. — home of the Grand Ole Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, and the historic Ryman Auditorium. Visit www.americanfenceassociation.com/fencetech/2024 for more information. ■



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"The level of annual spending on improvements and repairs is projected to fall from \$489 billion today to \$452 billion over the coming four quarters," said Abbe Will, Associate Project Director of the Remodeling Futures Program. "2024 is shaping up to be a challenging year for home remodeling."

The next LIRA release date is January 18, 2024. ■

DASMA submits ICC 500 proposal

In August, DASMA submitted a proposal for the next edition of the ICC 500 Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters. Chapter 8 of the new edition will clarify that cycle testing is required for sectional and rolling doors. Therefore, DASMA is seeking an additional change to permit up to 20 seconds for each cycle versus the current limit of 10 seconds.

The change aligns ICC 500 with ANSI/DASMA 115 and protects the use of sectional and rolling doors in storm shelters. The next edition of the storm shelter standard is scheduled for publication in 2024. ■



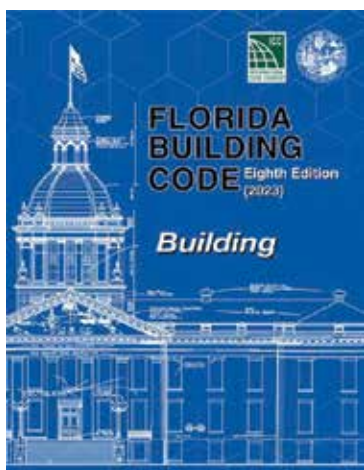
Wildland-Urban Interface announces code changes for GDO battery backup and garage door perimeter gap

In September, the Fire Code Action Committee (FCAC) of the International Code Council (ICC) approved plans to add a battery backup requirement for garage door operators installed in jurisdictions covered by the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC). A DASMA task group provided input to the FCAC to guide the language of the proposal, which was accepted.

Also in September, the FCAC approved plans to adopt garage door perimeter gap provisions with guidance from DASMA's Garage Door Technical Committee and the Associates Division.




Both FCAC proposals are based on existing language in the California Building Code and constitute improvements from the existing provisions. The IWUIC has been adopted in scattered jurisdictions over multiple states. The adoption map may be viewed here: <https://www.iccsafe.org/adoption/code-adoption-map/IWUIC>. ■



Florida Building Code 8th Edition approvals issued

In October, the Florida Building Commission issued the first batch of product approvals to the newly published 8th edition of the Florida Building Code. Eighteen DASMA member products were among the approvals announced at the October 17 meeting in Cocoa Beach, Fla. The effective date for the 8th Edition remains Dec. 31, 2023. ■




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