

Blackman Plumbing Supply Opens Long Island's First ADA/Aging in Place Showroom in Wantagh

Four New Suites Added Including Products from Kohler,
American Standard/DXV, Toto and More

Bayport, New York - September 24, 2014 - Blackman Plumbing Supply Co., Inc.'s newly renovated Wantagh location, which reopened on September 4, includes four new suites, making it the region's first showroom geared specifically towards ADA/Aging in Place.

This 5,000 sq.ft. addition to the existing showroom features state of the art equipment that meets ADA standards. Fold down tilting mirrors, decorative grab bar systems, fold up seats, and barrier free furniture will be on display in addition to the four ADA suites. The Wantagh sales associates are completing courses that will certify them as Aging in Place Specialists.

"Building a bathroom for the future or to meet ADA standards no longer means the brushed aluminum hospital look because there are so many great, stylish products out there" says David Lyon, Vice President, Retail Division for Blackman Plumbing Supply. Lyon continued, "With all the new technology and the proper wall structure, there is no reason not to have a spectacular, innovative, and functional bathroom setting for aging in place."

ADA refers to the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, which was put in place to regulate discrimination and public accessibility for those who are disabled. The standards include often forgotten about details such as toilet seat height and the location of grab bars throughout the space. While these standards were originally set in place for the public spectrum, many of the same products carry over into Aging in Place for the home.

Aging in Place, a movement made popular by the "Baby Boomer" generation, involves the daunting task of planning for the future. A significant concern as people grow older is leaving their home, which would mean leaving behind a comfortable setting, familiar community, and many memories. When one leaves home, a certain amount of control is lost. This "control" provides the underpinning to our feelings of dignity, quality of life and independence. Most American seniors desire to stay in their homes for the rest of their lives. In fact, an AARP survey found this number to be greater than 80% of seniors.

About Blackman Plumbing Supply Co., Inc.

Founded in 1921 by Sam Blackman as a small plumbing supply shop in New York City, Blackman Plumbing Supply has grown into one of the largest distributors in the North East. In addition to Plumbing, Blackman also supplies a variety of Heating, HVAC, Waterworks, Tools, Lighting, Tile and Stone products. With 20 locations in the New York, Long Island, and New Jersey regions, Blackman is proud of its 90 plus years of service.

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