THE HOME DEPOT ANNOUNCES 2026 INNOVATION AWARD WINNERS

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In the news release, The Home Depot Announces 2026 Innovation Award Winners, issued 07-Oct-2026 by The Home Depot over PR Newswire, we are advised by the company that one of the listed finalists has been updated. The complete, corrected release follows:

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In every space in the home, award-winning products take the friction out of DIY and elevate home improvement projects for customers

- Annual Recognition Program: The Home Depot's 2026 Innovation Awards recognize standout products that elevate home renovation for DIY and Pro customers by making projects faster, easier, and more efficient.
- Winner: Hampton Bay/Glacier Bay Ready to Assemble Cabinets with ClickReady Technology earned top honors for tool-free, snap-together assembly that simplifies kitchen renovations.
- Runners-Up: The Even Embers Santa Maria Grill (first runner-up) and USG UltraLight Tough Gypsum Sheetrock Panels (second runner-up) were recognized for backyard live-fire cooking and lightweight job-site durability.
- These breakthrough products can empower DIYers and Pros alike to complete projects with greater confidence, in less time, and all without compromising quality.

ATLANTA, Oct. 7, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- The Home Depot announced its 2026 Innovation Awards winners at its Annual Supplier Partnership Meeting, recognizing products across various home improvement categories spanning from the backyard to the kitchen.

The winners of the 2026 Innovation Awards are:

- **Winner: Hampton Bay/Glacier Bay Ready to Assemble Cabinets with ClickReady Technology** make it easy to create your dream kitchen with confidence. Designed to simplify installation, ClickReady technology allows pieces to snap together effortlessly with zero tools required, helping customers spend less time assembling and more time gathering in the kitchen with family and friends. Available in a wide range of shapes, sizes and styles, the cabinets take the hassle out of kitchen renovations.
- **First Runner Up: Even Embers Santa Maria Grill** makes cooking for a crowd delicious and fun. With over 1,000 square inches of cooking space and an adjustable crank system for precise heat control, customers can grill everything from steaks to fruit and vegetables all at once and transform their outdoor cooking spaces with the excitement of live-fire cooking.
- **Second Runner Up: USG UltraLight Tough Gypsum Sheetrock Panels** are lighter than the industry average and much easier to lift, carry and install, saving Pros time and money by making their jobs faster and easier.

"Our customers count on The Home Depot for the best products to get the job done," said **Billy Bastek, executive vice president of merchandising at The Home Depot**. "Our supplier partners continue to raise the bar, bringing us innovative products that save our Pros and DIYers time and money and make home improvement more attainable for everyone."

In addition to the winner and runners-up, The Home Depot also recognized several finalists for their dedication to innovation:

- **Deckorators Summit Composite Deck Boards** are highly durable and resistant to outdoor elements.
- **Kibosh 3/4 in. Emergency Pipe Repair** is a sturdy, reuseable clamp that can repair perforated copper, plastic or metal pipes in a pinch.
- **Kidde Wire Free RF Interconnected Smoke and Smoke + Carbon Monoxide Detectors** connect wirelessly around the home for simultaneous voice alerts.
- **Clopay Avante Garage Door** features glass panels that switch from clear to opaque at the click of a button, alongside a sleek design that hides exposed hinges and tracks.
- **Lifeproof Polished Tile Look Vinyl Planks** withstand life's spills, scuffs and scratches, with a sleek, modern look and without traditional grout application.
- **Hampton Bay Lauder and Rosemont Solar Path Light** offers adjustable lumens to elevate the ambience and safety of your driveway with no wiring needed.
- **Husky** & **NEBO** Lighting Innovations offer rechargeable flashlights, floodlights and headlamps to brighten any kind of project.
- **Milwaukee M12 Fuel Ratchets** offer power and speed for removing and installing fasteners with a comfortable, contoured grip.
- **HDX** & **Husky** Totes make storage and organization a breeze for any occasion. With sizes ranging from 2.5-quarts up to 170-gallons, you can store just about anything, even The Home Depot's 12 FT SKELLY™ Skeleton.
- **Ryobi High Flow Automotive Pressure Washer** delivers high-powered performance to clean vehicles, driveways and patios with ease.
- **Diablo Wood Demon Circular Saw Blade** offers exceptional precision and ultra-fine finishes compared to standard blades, saving time for both professional carpenters and DIYers.
- **Dewalt Atomic Compact Grinders** are engineered for maximum control and maneuverability to tackle tough metalworking jobs in tight spaces.
- **Bella Vita Easy-Care Begonia Flowers** bring vibrant, low-maintenance beauty to your home or garden all season long. They are designed for exceptional longevity and can be found in stores and online seasonally.

The Home Depot recognized outstanding supplier Partner of the Year recipients in each merchandising category:

- **Appliances:** Ryobi
- **Bath:** Kohler
- **Building Materials:** Quikrete
- **Electrical:** Titan3
- **Flooring:** Halstead/Vertex
- **Hardware:** Milwaukee
- **Kitchen & Blinds:** Levolor
- **Lighting:** King of Fans
- **Lumber:** Trex company
- **Millwork:** Steves & Sons
- **Outdoor Living & Cleaning:** Nexgrill

- **Outdoor Garden:** Grand Flower Growers
- **Paint:** ICON Protection
- **Plumbing:** RectorSeal
- **Power Tools:** TTI
- **Storage & Organization:** Kreate

The Home Depot also honored **Back to the Roots** as Environmental Partner of the Year, **Delta** as Interconnected Partner of the Year, and **BEHR** as Marketing Partner of the Year.

To learn more about this year's Innovation Award honorees, visit www.homedepot.com/innovation.

ABOUT THE HOME DEPOT

The Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer. At the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2026, the company operated a total of 2,364 retail stores and over 1,340 SRS locations across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, 10 Canadian provinces and Mexico. The Company employs over 470,000 associates. The Home Depot's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: HD) and is included in the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index.

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