



PROCTOR ACE HARDWARE NAMED A 2018 'COOLEST HARDWARE STORE'

Ace Hardware Corporation recognizes local store for customized service

OAK BROOK, Ill., February 26, 2018 – Ace Hardware Corporation is pleased to announce that Proctor Ace Hardware of Neptune Beach, FL, has been named a 2018 “Coolest Hardware Store.” Ace Hardware, the world’s largest hardware cooperative, selects only a handful of Ace stores annually to receive this coveted recognition – all based on how each Ace store differentiates its product offerings, services and culture to meet the needs of the community.

In June of 2015, Proctor Ace Hardware relocated to a new 23,600 total square foot, beach themed space located just over a mile from the Atlantic Ocean. The store is tailored to serve the local area, meaning they stock their shelves with a very localized and unique product mix.

The unique store décor at Proctor Ace Hardware includes custom signage, fishing décor adorning the fishing and boating section, and an oversized Adirondack chair that provides a perfect backdrop for pictures. It also features several departments not typically found in a neighborhood hardware store.

Some of those departments include; a full service floral emporium, garden center and nursery, fishing and boating, giftware, outdoor coastal furniture, and a large live Christmas tree lot. They also offer in-home services including window replacement and kitchen cabinet re-facing.

Proctor Ace Hardware has a unique and localized product mix that includes custom made signs, coastal décor, imported pottery, skateboards, local hot sauces, a large selection fishing knives, clothing, and patio furniture. They also offer quality national brands such as Stihl, Weber, Big Green Egg, and Yeti.

The owners of Proctor Ace Hardware are all active members of the community. Whether it is participating on the board of the local Rotary Club, sponsoring numerous community organizations and events, cooking on demo grills every weekend at the store, or being a beacon of light during a weather emergency – Proctor Ace Hardware is there to serve the community.

“We are excited to be named a 2018 ‘Coolest Hardware Store’,” said Steve Proctor, owner of Proctor Ace Hardware. “Our success is because of our people, and we pride ourselves on being a trusted hardware store that offers a unique and fun shopping experience for the local community.”

“Of the more than 5,000 Ace locations around the world, no two are exactly alike,” said Dan Miller, Vice President of Retail Operations and New Business, Ace Hardware Corporation. “This, along with the service, convenience and quality our customers have come to expect, is just another reason why Ace stands the test of time. The team at Proctor Ace Hardware certainly exemplifies the Ace way – helpful, unique and always changing to meet the needs of the community.”

The Proctor Ace Hardware team was honored for their “Coolest Hardware Store” recognition at the company’s 2018 Pinnacle Conference in Las Vegas earlier this month.

For more information about Proctor Ace Hardware located in Neptune Beach, FL, [visit their website.](#)

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About Ace Hardware

For more than 90 years, Ace Hardware has been known as the place with the helpful hardware folks in thousands of neighborhoods across America, providing customers with a more personal kind of helpful. In 2017, Ace ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction with Home Improvement Retail Stores, Eleven Years in a Row," according to J.D. Power. With more than 5,000 hardware stores locally owned and operated across the globe, Ace is the largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative in the world. Headquartered in Oak Brook, Ill., Ace and its subsidiaries operate an expansive network of distribution centers in the U.S. and also have distribution capabilities in Ningbo, China; Colon, Panama; and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Its retailers' stores are located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and approximately 55 countries. For more information on Ace, visit acehardware.com or the company newsroom at newsroom.acehardware.com.

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