

It's really happening ... and soon!

KARMA RENOVATION UPDATE

The architects, the Board, Karma staff and the Building Committee have been working hard over the past months to bring the necessary renovations to our store on the way. We are now past the point of no return: Karma has hired a general contracting company (Gen-Pro) and construction is set to begin at the beginning of July and last about eight weeks. Except for two days, the store will remain open throughout this time.

Here we want to give an overview of the work that is going to take place and what this means for the store during renovations. You will also find small sketches of the store before, during and after renovations and a note by Justin, our General Manager on what products will and will not be available over the next eight weeks.

The work has been divided into two separate phases:

- Phase 1 will start on July 2 and take about three and a half weeks to complete. It takes place in the new part of the store (where the cash desks are) and consists of constructing a new overstock and work room in the southwest corner and a new walk-in cooler for produce adjacent to it. At the end of this phase we will also have a new members' room where the current overstock room is, with its own windowed door to the outside.
- Phase 2 is slated to start July 28 and take five weeks to complete (basically the month of August). It takes place in the old part of the store (the larger part with higher ceilings). At the beginning of Phase 2 the store will have to close for about two days. During this time the dropped ceiling in the entire old part of the store will be removed and the ceiling above cleaned and painted. Construction hoarding will be put

up and the electrical work updated. (We will widely advertise when this is happening.) Phase 2 mainly consists of repairs to the walls damaged by moisture and the demolition of the old and installation of a new walk-in cooler. We will also get double delivery doors.

A few more notes on the construction:

- Two items previously planned were taken out of the contract in order to reduce the overall cost of the project: The washroom and kitchen area will not be renovated at this point, and the members' room will be left unfinished for now. We can then decide how best to design the members' room using member labour. Right after this round of construction, we will benefit from additional storage space as we settle into the new store.
- The store will be operational during renovations. Karma has received approval for the renovations from the city's health department and while there will be noise, construction dust will be minimized through a number of measures: construction hoarding to divide the store from the construction area, separate access doors to the construction site, and a negatively pressurized construction site where air gets circulated using HEPA filters.
- Access to the store through the main doors and ramp will be possible throughout construction.
- There will be no car parking available for members in front of the store throughout July and August.

A call for member labour to help move products and shelves before construction, between the phases and after completion has gone out. Please see the sign-up sheet in the store, speak to the General Manager or email the Building Committee if you are interested in helping out. As always, we welcome all questions and comments at building@karmacop.org.

Your Karma Building Committee

Note from the General Manager on

PRODUCTS AVAILABLE IN JULY AND AUGUST

While, over the next two months, we strive to keep as many products as possible available to Karma members there will be a number of items temporarily not available during renovations. The two areas particularly affected are frozen goods and bulk. We are not able to stock bulk cleaners during Phase 1 (July). Bulk items that will not be available during Phase 2 (August) are: bulk nut butters, bulk frozen, cheeses & deli items.

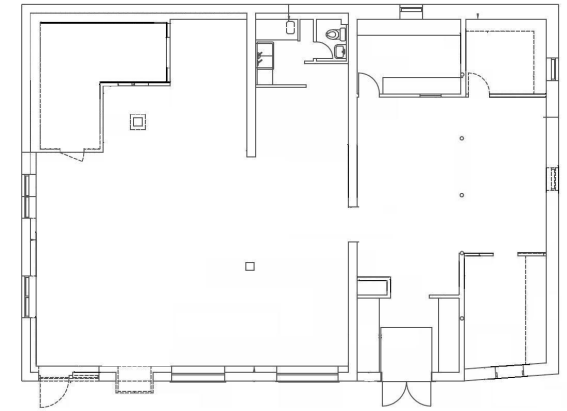
Also during Phase 2, Karma will have a very limited amount of freezer space. We will not be able to offer our full line of frozen products until Karma's new cooler and freezer units are unveiled at the end of August.

Regularly stocked items in all other departments will be on our shelves all summer. And, as usual, our produce department will offer a wide variety of certified organic, local, or fairly traded, fresh fruits and vegetables.

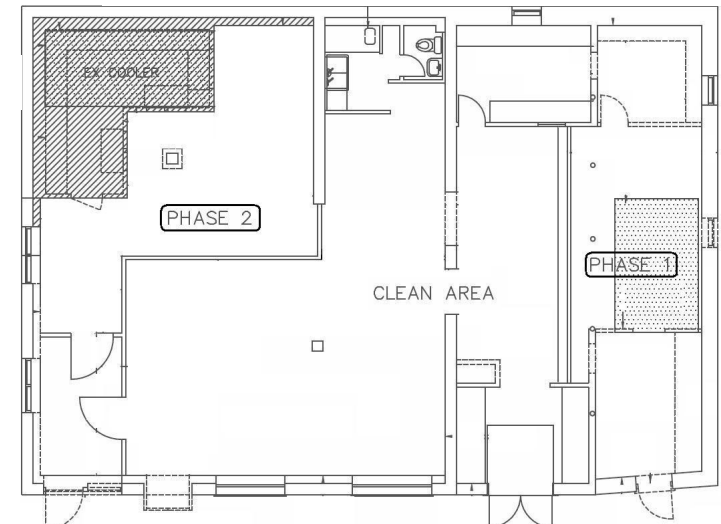
On behalf of the Karma staff I would like to thank you, members of Karma Co-op, for your patience and continued support through these two months of renovations. The changes being made will, by September, allow us to offer you fresher produce and a wider variety of natural food products in space that is cleaner, brighter, more open and energy efficient.

Thanks again,
Justin McNabb,
General Manager.

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