



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What the heck is a tool library?**

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A tool library is a place where anyone can borrow tools for set periods of time at a low cost. Tool libraries and libraries of things can be found all over the world. The average power drill is used for only 12 minutes over its lifetime. We want to change that!

### **How does it work?**

*What does my membership get me?*

When you become a member you get unlimited access to our inventory of over 3,300 tools. Our basic membership level allows you to check out up to five tools at a time, and the typical loan period is one week. Don't buy tools, borrow ours!

### **How do I sign-up?**

You can sign up online: return to our homepage and click the Membership Application. Fill this out, agree to the waivers and conditions and submit it back to us. We will respond to you within 2 business days.

### **Why did I have to pay a late fee, or a cleaning fee?**

Our late fees are meant to ensure tools come back on time, so that they can be available for another member who might need them. Late fees are not meant to be a barrier to borrowing, and if you know you can't return your loan on time, just call us to extend it! The Tool Library is totally run by volunteers, so cleaning fees help us offset the time volunteers will have to spend cleaning and fixing tools brought back in poor condition. All fees help to fund The Tool Library and keep our doors open for everyone's benefit.

### **Can I get an extension on my loan?**

Most likely, yes! Most of the time we can accommodate renewals, but if there is a long waitlist for a tool, we might ask you to send it back on time. It never hurts to ask! Simply log in and head over to the viewMyTools page and send us a message to ask. We will respond to you within 2 business days to let you know either way.



### ***What are Super Tools?***

We have a few tools in our inventory which are so awesome they must be rented for a daily fee. Super Tools would cost a member \$500+ to purchase for themselves. This currently includes an infrared heat gun, a jackhammer, and an electric drain snake. The Super Tools daily rental fee is \$20/day, which is paid upfront.

### ***How do you keep your inventory working?***

We have a great team of Fixers. When tools come back broken, but repairable, they are our go-to people! All of our team and members contribute to making sure things are in working order. If you have a problem with a tool, please let us know and we can help troubleshoot.

### ***How do you get tools?***

When we started, our inventory was almost entirely based on donations. We now source tools from a mix of used tool donations, sponsorships, and buying new with our own funds. We are always looking for sponsorships of from businesses or members to bring in more of the tools that would be useful to our members.

### ***What are the most popular tools?***

The most popular tools in your community will be different from ours, because every place has different needs. Here is our big list of most checked out kind of tools this year:

- Home improvement hand tools: Wrench, clamp, bolt cutter, pry bar/crow bar, axe, sledgehammer, hammer, trowel, hacksaw, mattock, chisel, paint rollers, paint scraper, tin snip, and drain snake;
- Lawn/garden hand tools: Garden trowel, plastic and metal rake, shovel, spade, lopper, pruning saw, push lawn mower, push broom, post hole digger, hand pruner, hand tiller, hoe, tamper, post pounder, trash grabber, and wheelbarrow;
- Lawn and garden power tools (all electric): String trimmer/weed wacker, electric tiller, pressure washer, hedge trimmer, edger, leaf blower, electric lawn mower, chainsaw, and electric pole saw;
- Other electric power tools: Drill, driver, hammer drill, circular saw, miter/chop saw, tile saw, jig saw, reciprocating saw/sawzall, table saw, belt sander, finish sander, detail sander, orbital sander, palm sander, planer, and angle grinder;
- Pneumatic tools: Brad nailer, finish nailer, and staple gun;
- Accessories: Extension cords, batteries, chargers, air compressors, air hoses, ladders, step stools, dollies, saw horses, shop vac, bits, sockets, squares, levels, tape measures, and stud finders.

A list of our current tool library is listed below.



# TOOL LIBRARY



## Tool List

### Air Tools

Air Compressor  
Pneumatic Brad Nailer  
Pneumatic Finish Nailer  
Pneumatic Palm Nailer  
Pneumatic Pin Nailer

### Concrete

Angle Grinder  
Bull Floats  
Concrete Mixer  
Concrete Pul - Krete  
Concrete Saws  
Finishing Trowel  
Masonry Hammer  
Masonry Saw  
Mortar Hoe  
Mortar Joint Trowel

### Drills and Hammers

Claw Hammers  
Drills  
Drill Bit Sets  
Framing Hammers  
Hammer Drills  
Impact Drivers  
Jackhammers  
Lockset Jigs  
Power Scraper  
Right-Angle Drills  
Rotary Hammers  
Sledge Hammers

### Dry Wall, Painting, Texturing

Drywall Hammer  
Drywall Lifts  
Drywall Roller Lifts  
Drywall Sanders  
Drywall Sanding Systems  
Drywall Screw Gun  
Drywall Taping System  
Heat Guns  
Inside Corner Trowel  
Knock Down Trowels  
Mud Pans  
Paddle Mixers  
Paint Removers/Scrapers  
Paint Sprayers  
Steamers  
Taping Knives

### Texture Sprayers

### Floor Care and Sanding

Carpet Cleaner  
Carpet Kicker  
Carpet Seamer  
Carpet Stretcher  
Carpet Trimmer  
Floor Buffer / Polisher  
Floor Nailers  
Grout Float  
Laminate Shear/Trimmer  
Linoleum Roller  
Thin Set Trowel  
Tile Cutters  
Tile Saws  
Wood Floor Drum Sander  
Wood Floor Edger  
Wood Floor Orbital Sander

### Garden Hand Tools

Bow Saws  
Cultivator Forks  
Drainage Spades  
Fertilizer/Seed Spreader  
Garden Rakes  
Hay Forks  
Hoes  
Leaf Rakes  
Loppers  
Pick Axes  
Post Drivers  
Post-Hole Diggers  
Pruners  
Pump Sprayer  
Round Point Spades  
Spading Forks  
Square Point Spades  
Tampers  
Tree Trimmers  
Weed Cutters  
Weed Wrenches  
Wheel Barrows

### Garden Power Tools

Aerator  
Dethatcher  
Garden Tillers  
Ground Compactor  
Hedge Trimmers

Lawn Mowers  
Leaf Blowers  
Plate Compactor  
Post Hole Augers  
Post Hole Auger Blades  
Power Washers  
Sidewalk Edger  
Weed Trimmers

### Hand Tools

Adhesive Gun  
Bar Clamps  
Chisels  
C Clamps  
Fish Tape  
Levels  
Nail Pullers  
Quick Grip Clamps  
Rivet Gun  
Squares  
Straight Edges  
Straight Edge Clamps  
Stud Finder  
Sub Scanner Detection  
Tap and Die Set  
Tool Kit  
Wire Strippers  
Wood Clamps  
Wrecking Bars

### Miscellaneous

Appliance Dollies  
Automotive Jacks  
Bench Grinder  
Bottle Jack  
Deck Jig  
Fans  
Gear Puller  
Generator  
Jump Starter  
Kreg Jig  
Loading Ramps  
Metal Brake  
MIG Welder  
Pallet Breaker  
2 & 4-Wheel Dollies  
Sawhorses  
Shingle Cutter  
Shingle Remover  
Shop Vac

Tool Set  
Work Lights

### Plumbing and Pumps

Conduit Benders  
Conduit Cutters  
Drain Cleaning Machine  
PEX Crimp Tools  
Plastic Pipe/Tube Cutters

### Saws

Bucket Saw  
Chop Saw  
Circular Saws  
Compound Miter Saws  
Festool Circular Saw  
Hacksaws  
Hand Saws  
Hinge Template Jigs  
Jigsaws  
Keyhole Saws  
Laminate Trimmer  
Miter Boxes  
Miter Saw  
Miter Saw Stand  
Portable Table Saw  
Power Metal Shears  
Reciprocating Saws  
Rotozip  
Tin Snips

### Scaffolding and Ladders

Extension Ladders  
Ladder Jack  
Ladder Stabilizer  
Scaffolding  
Step Ladders

### Woodworking

Belt Sanders  
Finish Sanders  
Handheld Planer  
Multi-Master Oscillating Tools  
Orbital Sanders  
Portable Planer  
Routers  
Router Bit Sets  
Router Table