

Develop Your ToolKit

Basic tools and standard supplies you'll need to do your own home maintenance.



Adjustable Wrench: loosens or tightens nuts and bolts.



Caulk: prevents water and air leaks and insect pathways.



Claw Hammer and Nails: drives and removes nails in wood or wall surfaces.



Flashlight: provides light during power outages and to see in dark areas.



Glue: adheres surfaces together.



Handheld Power Drill: installs screws into hard surfaces, including drilling holes for different screw sizes.



Ladders (*extension and step*): allows you to reach high areas.



Lawnmower: cuts and can remove grass.



Level: determines if a surface is level and helps when hanging shelves or pictures.



Pliers (*slip joint kind*): cuts and shapes wires and grips things tightly.



Plunger: unclogs plumbing lines.



Putty Knife: flat, metal blade knife used to spread glaze and spackle into holes and cracks.



Rake: remove leaves and other debris.



Sandpaper: rough paper used to smooth surfaces.



Saws (*crosscut, ripsaw and keyhole*): cuts woods and paneling.



Screwdrivers and Screws: tightens and removes screws from a variety of surfaces.



Shovel: removes snow.



Solvents: removes scratches or sticky substances (paint, tape residue)



Spackle: fills small holes in walls.



Stud Finder: locates hidden stud to support mounting heavy objects (pictures, mirrors)



Tape Measure (*25 feet long*): for marking and measuring.



Utility Knife: cuts many things such as floor tile, wallpaper, heavy cardboard.



Washers: stops faucets from dripping.