

AHA Homeowner Tool Kit Checklist

Use this checklist to build a practical starter tool kit for everyday household tasks. Start with the basics, then add tools as your home and projects give you a reason.



Buy First

- ☐ Tape measure
- ☐ Small level
- ☐ Multibit screwdriver
- ☐ Hex-key set
- ☐ Adjustable wrench
- ☐ General-purpose pliers
- ☐ Needle-nose pliers
- ☐ Claw hammer
- ☐ Locking or retractable utility knife
- ☐ Putty knife
- ☐ Safety glasses
- ☐ Flashlight or headlamp
- ☐ Compact tool bag or box



Add When Your Home Calls for It

- ☐ Cordless drill/driver and basic bit set
- ☐ Stud finder
- ☐ Caulk gun and project-appropriate sealant
- ☐ Small socket or wrench set
- ☐ Wet/dry vacuum
- ☐ Stable step stool
- ☐ Home-specific outdoor tools

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Borrow, Rent, or Hire Out

- ☐ Large extension ladder
- ☐ Circular or miter saw
- ☐ Demolition equipment
- ☐ Specialty drain-cleaning equipment
- ☐ Specialized diagnostic tools
- ☐ Equipment that requires training you don't have
- ☐ Higher-risk work involving live electrical components, gas, structural changes, significant roof access, or hazardous materials



Useful Extras for the Tool Bag

- ☐ Pencil or marking tool
- ☐ Painter's tape
- ☐ Small zip-top bags for screws and hardware
- ☐ Small hardware organizer
- ☐ Spare utility-knife blades stored safely
- ☐ Manufacturer instructions for unfamiliar power tools



Additional Notes
