

About the ToolBank

The Houston Community ToolBank was founded in 2012, and is the fifth affiliate of ToolBank USA. The first affiliate, the Atlanta Community ToolBank, has been lending tools since 1992 and equips roughly 50,000 volunteers and nonprofit employees with tools every year.

The success of a ToolBank is measured largely by tool borrower satisfaction. The result is a deliberate focus on customer service and accountability. These values foster community trust in the ToolBank, and empower charitable organizations to increase their overall impact through the use of ToolBank tools.

ToolBank USA was founded in 2008 by a generous grant from the Home Depot Foundation to export the ToolBank model across the country. Please visit www.toolbank.org for a listing of ToolBank locations, and for information on how to build a ToolBank in your community.

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A 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization

CASE STUDY: Playground build
AGENCY: Public school
VOLUNTEERS: 150
SOURCE: Local law firm



BACKGROUND: A PTA has raised funds for a new school playground. A local law firm has offered to cover the tool handling fee and provide volunteers to build the playground. The school joins their local ToolBank and borrows the following tools for one week:

- 150 Pairs of work gloves
- 50 Square head shovels
- 50 Round head shovels
- 25 Post hole diggers
- 25 Leaf rakes
- 12 18-volt cordless drills
- 10 Wheelbarrows
- 10 Mortar hoes
- 5 Folding tables
- 5 Ice chests
- 4 8-foot A-frame ladders
- 2 Circular saws
- 1 Gas-powered generator

Retail cost of borrowed tools: \$7,202.00

ToolBank Tool Handling Fee:

\$216.06

(Less than \$1.50 per volunteer!)



Tools for Change®



Please visit

www.houston.toolbank.org

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Increase community impact. Decrease costs. Period.

**Houston has the vision,
the passion, and the volunteers.**

The Houston ToolBank has the tools!

The Houston Community ToolBank is dedicated to lending tools to metro Houston's charitable sector. For **three pennies on the dollar**, the Houston Community ToolBank provides fast and easy access to large volumes of high-quality tools to increase the impact of service projects and community revitalization efforts.

You have a mission to accomplish. Let the Houston Community ToolBank deal with the hassles of tool purchasing, tool maintenance, and tool storage. ToolBank tools are sharp, clean, and ready when you need them. Plus, the knowledgeable ToolBank staff is glad to offer technical assistance and project tips when you pick up your tools.

Please visit the Houston Community ToolBank website today to learn more. Whether you have 5 volunteers or 5,000, the Houston ToolBank is ready to equip you with **Tools for Change**.



Projects enhanced by ToolBank tools

- Facility maintenance & repair projects
- Community-wide & neighborhood clean-ups
- Playground builds
- School campus improvements
- Senior home repairs
- Special events & fundraisers
- Greenspace reclamation & planting days
- Faith-based mission trips
- & much more!

Typical tools at the ToolBank - and dozens more!

- Safety Cones
- Water Coolers
- Folding Tables
- Loppers
- Rakes
- Work Gloves**
- Circular Saws
- Hammers
- Brooms
- Cordless Drills
- Buckets
- Safety Gear
- Measuring Tapes
- Extension Cords
- Paint Scrapers
- Ladders**
- Pitchforks
- Wheelbarrows
- Screwdrivers
- Shovels
- Paint Trays & Roller Cages



How to borrow tools

1. Follow the link on the Houston ToolBank website to complete the membership application.
2. Provide proof of your organization's nonprofit status or charitable mission.
3. Submit a Tool Order online; pay the Tool Handling Fee online (or upon pickup).
4. Confirm your pickup time with ToolBank staff. All visitation is by appointment.
5. Pick up your tools at the ToolBank.
6. Have a super project! Tools may be borrowed for up to 8 weeks.



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