

What's In Your Toolbox?

You'll find lots of online recommendations about the 20 tools you should have on hand in your RV. Or, you can let us do the research and download our list. No need to feel you have to have every item on the list before you leave home. It's something you may want to build up to.

Feel free to make your own additions and corrections, and to share this or your list with others.

Without further ado, here's our version of the "RV Toolbox Top 20."

1. Slip-Joint Pliers - Handy for tightening almost anything you can't get a wrench on.
2. Multi-Tip Screwdriver - w/2 or more blade tips, Phillips head tips, torx or other tips
3. Claw Hammer - For traditional 'pounding, leverage
4. Socket Wrench Set - Some sets include both English and Metric sizes - You might need both
5. Utility Knife - Standard, w/sliding blade, extra blades
6. Tape - Duct Tape, Electrical Tape, Velcro-style hook-and-loop patches
7. Adhesives - Gorilla Glue or similar, Super Glue
8. Tire Pressure Gauge
9. Adjustable Voltmeter
10. Vise-Grips
11. Abrasives - Sand paper, metal file
12. Battery-Powered Drill w/charger, basic drill bits
13. Loose Parts: Assorted Screws, Bolts, Nuts, & Washers, Wire Nuts, Zip Ties, Spare Bulbs, Automotive Fuses etc.
14. Wood Putty
15. Bottle Jack w/Tire Wrench - to change tires, brace the frame, etc.
16. Tape Measure
17. Hacksaw w/spare blades
18. LED Flashlight w/spare batteries
19. C-Clamps
20. Lubricants - WD 40, 3-in-1 oil, lock de-icer/lubricant

When possible and practical, it's good to make use of the molded plastic cases that come with many tools - Keeps them organized, dry, and quiet.

Do you have a 'don't leave home without it tool' that didn't make our list? Send us your suggestions! Seems that no matter how good the list is, the only tool you NEED in an emergency is the one you DON'T HAVE. There's a limit to how much weight and space your tools should take up, though. Chances are good too that campground neighbors and other RV'ers you run into can help with tools, parts, and advice.