

15 Tools That Every Homeowner Needs



The following items are essential tools, but this list is by no means exhaustive. Feel free to ask me during your next inspection about other tools that you might find useful.

- 1. Plunger:** Keep one nearby to quickly remedy clogged toilets and sinks.
- 2. Combination Wrench Set:** This is handy for both standard- and metric-size nuts and bolts.
- 3. Slip-Joint Pliers:** Use them to grab hold of a nail, a nut, a bolt, and much more.
- 4. Adjustable Wrench:** This is ideal when you're working with different sizes of bolts, etc.
- 5. Caulking Gun:** Seal up cracks and gaps in various structures and certain types of piping.
- 6. Flashlight:** None of the tools in this list is of any use if you cannot visually inspect the situation.
- 7. Tape Measure:** Measuring house projects requires a tape measure—not a ruler or a yardstick.
- 8. Hacksaw:** This is useful for cutting small wood and metal items.
- 9. Torpedo Level:** Only a level can be used to determine if something is correctly oriented.
- 10. Safety Glasses / Goggles:** Always protect your eyes from flying debris while working.
- 11. Claw Hammer:** A 16-ounce hammer is the best all-purpose choice.
- 12. Screwdriver Set:** Manual screwdrivers can reach into more places than electrical versions.
- 13. Wire Cutters:** Wire cutters are pliers designed to cut wires and small nails.
- 14. Respirator/Safety Mask:** Avoid inhaling chemicals and dust.
- 15. Duct Tape:** It's sticky and water-resistant, so it's perfect for repair emergencies.

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