

Tools for the Trades

The hurricane that tore into New Orleans and the Gulf Coast on August 29 will rank as one of U.S. history's great disasters, no less devastating than the San Francisco Earthquake and the Great Chicago Fire.

Then as now, the damage was almost too widespread to know where to begin rebuilding.

Compounding the tragic loss of lives, homes and entire communities is the destruction of tools, equipment and other means for tradesmen and women to earn their living.

To help these men and women and to give them the means to start rebuilding their lives, the IAM is calling on its members to donate tools that can be distributed to union members who have lost their means to make a living.

Hand tools and portable power tools (in new or nearly new condition) can be collected and sent to IAM Headquarters, where they will be packaged and shipped to union members affected by the disaster.

Solidarity, in good times and bad, is a hallmark of the North American labor movement. It is fitting that we should add this important campaign to the ongoing efforts to help the victims of this disaster.

A tragedy the size of Hurricane Katrina touches us all. The images of destruction and loss should inspire sympathy and sadness for the victims, but they should also inspire us to action.

Please act now. Your donation is urgently needed by men and women who want only the means to help themselves. Tools for the Trades can be mailed or shipped to 9000 Machinists Place, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

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Some Examples of Tools Needed

Lineman Tool List

Safety Strap
Set of Climbers
Hammer (Straight Claw)-18 oz.
Ratchet Wrench 1/2" drive
Skinning Knife
Wrenches (Adjustable 12")
Folding ruler 6'
Screwdriver 6" Square Shank
Pliers (Side Cutters-9" High Leverage
Tool Belt
1 - 8 pocket tool pouch
1 - 19 pocket tool pouch
1 - Hammer holder
1 - Padded tool belt

All hand tools should have insulated handles when available and practical.

Construction Electrician Tool List

Pliers (Pump - 10") - 420 Channel Lock
Pliers (Pump - 12") - 430 Channel Lock
Hack Saw Frame - 16" overall 3 in 1
Hammer (Straight/Claw) - 18 oz.
Level (Magnetic Torpedo) - 9"
Pliers (Side Cutters - 9" high leverage)
Pocket Knife - 2 blade 2³/₈" sheepfoot & 1¹/₂" Insulation - Slitting Blade
Center Punch/Scratch Awl - 4¹/₂"
Screwdriver (Phillips) Size 0 - 4" round shank
Screwdriver (Phillips) Size 1 - 4" - round shank
Screwdriver - 4" square shank
Screwdriver - 6" square shank
Screwdriver - 8" square shank
Screwdriver - 6" holding
Wire Stripper/Cutters - 6¹/₄" - 10-18 AWG solid (4.0 - 75 mm)
Wrenches (Hex Key Set) - 5 key" 3/16" - 7/32" - 1/4" - 5/16" & 3/8"
Compass/Jab Saw - 12"
Pliers (Diagonal) - 8"
Pliers (Long-Nose) - 5"
Tape Measure - 25'
Tool Pouch/Belt
1- 8 pocket tool pouch,
1- 19 pocket tool pouch
1- Hammer holder
1- Padded tool belt
Voltage Tester (Wiggy) - Solenoid Voltage Tester
Tool Bag - 24"
Wrenches (Adjustable - 8")
Flashlight
Nut Driver Set - 7 piece set - 3/16" - 1/4" - 5/16" - 11/32" - 3/8" - 7/16" - 1/2"

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