Houston Community ToolBank Volunteering.





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ABOUT US

The Houston Community ToolBank is a nonprofit tool lending program that provides fellow not-for- profit organizations (and disaster volunteers) with year-round access to an inventory of tools for use in volunteer projects and facility and environmental maintenance. We provide tools to enhance the charitable sector's capacity to serve, scale, and facilitate hands-on volunteerism in the greater Houston area. As of January 2018, we are continuing to waive fees for Harvey related borrowing. All other borrowing costs 3% of the tool's cost per week.

Access to ToolBank tools eliminates the need for agencies to incur the expense of purchasing, insuring, repairing, and storing tools, reducing the costs associated with service projects and allowing these agencies to focus more of their resources on their mission.

Since Hurricane Harvey devastated Houston, we have leant out over $2.1 million in tools for relief and recovery related efforts for free. Currently, we are continuing to waive Harvey-related fees. For "Blue Sky" projects (i.e. those unrelated to disaster) tools are loaned for three pennies on the dollar per week, ensuring they returned in a timely manner for the next group to borrow.

WHO ARE WE?

The Houston Community ToolBank operates a tool lending warehouse dedicated to equipping local nonprofits and civic organizations with the physical tools needed to implement a diverse range of community improvement projects.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Your gift of time will literally impact hundreds of important service projects across Houston.

TOOLS COUNT:

Our 10,000 items make a difference, and we need to ensure accurate inventory counts to keep those project orders filled.

DARE TO REPAIR:

Small engines always need to be repaired & maintained after a hard day on the job. Could you be the one to show them the care they deserve?



SORT & SEE:

During high volume lending, tools will need to be inspected and returned to the shelves.

PAINT & BUFF:

All tools are sanded and painted our signature blue to help prevent splintering and ensure identification on a work site. When volunteers see blue, they know what to do – get that tool back to ToolBank so others can also make use of it.

WIND & GRIND:

Inspect, sharpen, re-attach, and everything in between to make sure the blue tools stay in rotation.

WHAT TO KNOW:

1. Wear closed-toe shoes.
2. Wear weather appropriate clothes. Warehouse is not heated or cooled.
3. Bring food and drinks. We have a microwave and refrigerator.
4. We have safety gear and work gloves, feel free to bring your own.
5. Safety first always. Please Be aware of all surroundings!

PARKING AND BUILDING GUIDE:

