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**West Seattle to launch community tool library with Neighborhood Matching Fund**

.Tool library will offer community access to tools, training, and advice.

**May 25, 2010** (Seattle, WA) – For months, members of Sustainable West Seattle have been planning, organizing, and researching how to create a library of tools for the community to borrow instead of purchasing them. With an award of $20,000 from the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods’ Neighborhood Matching Fund, their dreams will come to life with the opening of the West Seattle Tool Library on June 12 at South Seattle Community College. The Library will help foster a greater sense of community, while providing a shared source of tools, classes, and information and a green alternative to individual ownership.

“So far we’ve partnered with organizations such as the West Seattle Nursery and Community Harvest of South Seattle, and have gathered tools from generous donors throughout West Seattle. Our biggest tool drive was held on May 8th at the West Seattle Community Garage Sale, which put our number of tools up over 300!” said coordinator Patrick Dunn of Sustainable West Seattle. “We’d like to encourage everyone to come out and join in the effort to provide community resources for West Seattle.”

Tools will also be collected at the Refresh Southwest festival on June 5th, the West Seattle Farmers’ Market from 10am-2pm weekly, and on a continuing basis at their South Seattle Community College location. The Tool Library will be located at the South Seattle Community College Garden Center, which is on the North end of campus at 6000 16th Avenue SW.

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods’ Neighborhood Matching Fund Program (NMF) was created in 1988. All projects are initiated, planned and implemented by community members in partnership with the City. Every award is matched by neighborhoods’ or communities’ resources of volunteer labor, donated materials, donated professional services or cash. Since the program was created 22 years ago, the Neighborhood Matching Fund has awarded over $45 million with a community match of more than $64 million. Projects have involved a total of nearly 78,600 volunteers who have donated over 400,000 work hours.

*Seattle Department of Neighborhoods provides programs and service that engage residents in civic participation, foster stronger communities, make government more accessible, and preserve and enhance the character of Seattle’s neighborhoods.*
Thank you for considering a donation to The West Seattle Tool Library!

We are happy to receive almost any tool or monetary donations that you’d like to offer. The only requirements are that all donated tools must be in working order and non-gasoline powered. Other than that, we welcome just about anything. Below are some suggestions, with the high priority items in bold. We’ll be focusing on Carpentry and Gardening/Landscaping during our first year of operations, so we’d be especially happy to receive any and all tools related to those practices, even if they’re not listed below.

All donations are tax deductible.

- Axes
- Bike Repair Stand
- Bike Repair Tools
- Canning Supplies
- Cement Mixer (Electric)
- Chipper (Electric)
- Chisels, Sets preferred
- Circular Saws (All Sizes)
- Clamps, Any and All Kinds
- Come-a-long
- Concrete/Plaster Tools
- Conduit Bender
- Crow Bar
- Dolly/ Truck
- Drill 1/2"
- Drill 3/8"
- Drill Press
- Edge Sander
- Electrical Fish Tape
- Extension Cord, Heavy Duty
- Files, All Varieties
- Floor Sander
- Food Dehydrator
- Framing Squares
- Grinder (Electric)
- Hacksaw
- Hammers
- Hand Pruners
- Hand Planes
- Handsaws
- Heat-Gun
- Hole Saw
- Jack, Hydraulic
- Jigsaw
- Ladders
- Ladder Jacks
- Lawn Edger (Electric)
- Lawn Mower (Electric)
- Lawn Roller
- Levels, All Varieties
- Maddox
- Measuring Tapes
- Metal Shears
- Miter Saw
- Paint Scraper
- Palm Nailer
- Pipe Wrench
- Pliers
- Pole Pruner
- Power Planes
- Pressure Gauge
- Pressure Washer (Electric)
- Pry Bar
- Push Broom (Large)
- Roof Jacks
- Roto-hammer
- Router
- Router, Laminate
- Router, Table
- Sander, Belt
- Sander, Palm
- Saw Horses
- Saw Sharpening Kit
- Sawzall
- Scaffolding
- Sewing Machine
- Sharpening Wheel
- Sheetrock Square
- Shoring Jack
- Sledge Hammer
- Sod Lifter
- Soldering Gun
- Splitting Maul
- Square-Carpenters
- Stapler, Industrial
- Stapler, Electric
- Stapler, Pneumatic
- Stud Finder
- Table Saw (Portable)
- Thickness Planer (Portable)
- Tile Saw
- Tile Cutter
- Tile Nippers
- Torch Kit
- Tubing Cutter
- Vice Grips
- Wet-vacuum (15 Gallon)
- Wheelbarrows
- Wire Stripper
- Wrenches, All Varieties
Donations may be dropped off at the following locations:

**The West Seattle Farmer's Market**  
*Until Further Notice*  
West Seattle Tool Library Table  
Alaska Junction  
Sundays, 10am-2pm

**Alki Bike & Board**  
Admiral Junction  
2606 California Ave SW

**The West Seattle Tool Library**  
*As of June 12, 2010*  
Thursdays, 4-8pm; Saturdays, 9am-2pm  
SSCC Garden Center  
6000 16th Ave SW

Donations may also be dropped off at the Sustainable West Seattle/Delridge Day Festival on June 5th at the Delridge Community Center. If you need to schedule a pick up, please feel free to contact us and we’ll schedule an appointment.

**Thanks again!**

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