

Household Repairs - Basic Supplies

Below is a list of parts and materials we commonly need. Also included are some things necessary to test items since people forget to bring the whole system (such as cassette tapes to demonstrate how their cassette player doesn't work).

Parts

Electrical wire of various sizes
Lamp cord
Light bulbs – various
Light sockets and other lamp parts
Switches - various
Batteries – various including watch batteries
Fuses – including thermal fuses, glass fuses, microwave fuses,
Nuts, bolts, washers, screws – various
Pipe strapping
Wood and metal shims
Capacitors – various
Power adapters – various
Connectors and cables – i.e.: RCA, USB, audio (headphone) connectors, cable TV, car lighters,

Materials

Contact cleaner
Alcohol – 99%
WD40
Lubricants – various
Glues – various
Canned (compressed) air
Cable ties
q-tips
toothpicks
toothbrushes
tapes – various
sand paper – various
steel wool
heat shrink
rubber gloves

Items for Testing

computer monitor
keyboard
mouse
ear buds
CD, DVD, cassette tape

Sewing Supplies (basics and nice-to-have)

Needles

Thread (black, white, denim/dark blue, brown, tan, grey...)

Straight pins

Seam rippers

Needle-threader tool

Elastic

A few iron-on patches

Assorted buttons

Fabric scraps (mainly for patching)

Darning needles and some yarn

Fabric glue

Scissors

An iron

Sewing machine with a zipper foot

Note: Be ready for zipper repairs! There are many (clothing, bags, boots...) Generally visitors will bring their own zippers to match their garment. Knowing the location of nearest sewing supply store is helpful should someone want to run out and buy themselves a new zipper. Also, you might want to alert a "household/appliance" fixer of possible demand for zipper repairs. One of ours boned up on the mechanics of zipper repair (using online videos) and has become the resident expert. 😊