

EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE RODENT ACADEMY WORKSHOP

The Montana Rodent Academy will provide foundational training on metal bending techniques used to repair structures in an aesthetically pleasing manner.

Due to the hands-on nature of this training, each attendee will need to obtain and bring the following tools to the event. Do NOT ignore this requirement. Failure to bring the needed tools will result in your not being able to fully participate in the training.

Please note that the Montana Department of Agriculture is not endorsing any particular brand of tool. We encourage you to investigate online to find the best prices. Purchasing the best, most expensive equipment is NOT necessary. Sometimes, companies sell the items in collections for lower prices. You may also be able to borrow tools from friends or relatives.

In fact, if you are new to metal bending, it may be wise to purchase inexpensive tools to get a sense of what type of tools you prefer. If you have experience in metal bending, it may be appropriate to purchase higher quality items. One area where we do not suggest skimping on is gloves and eye protection. Make sure your gloves fit well and are not bulky and give you good dexterity. Eye protection should be protective but also allow for clear vision for the detail work.

Equipment List:

- 6-inch hand seamer
- Straight Metal Snips or Left and Right curved snips
- 18-inch metal folding tool
- **Work gloves:** ideally ones that fit your hand well and will protect you from metal cuts. Metal cutting and bending is precision work. Big, bulky, loose-fitting gloves will NOT work.
- **Tape Measure:** Minimum 6 feet.
- **Eye Protection:** stand-alone or version that covers glasses.