



## UCD Farm Tool Library

a brief introduction

## Overview

During this informational session, we'll cover:

- 1. What are our goals and target audiences
- 2. Context and background how we came to this idea
- 3. What kinds of tools we have
- 4. Criteria for any donations
- 5. Process for reserving and checking out tools (website tour)
- 6. How can partners support or promote this effort going forward
- 7. Invitation to the Grand Opening on April 20, 4pm-6pm
- 8. Q&A and discussion



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## What is it?

www.ucdwa.org/farm-tool-library

at the Mountain View Grange in White Salmon

Consider attending our

grand opening celebration

on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 4-6pm where we will feature a tool sharpening workshop and tour the farm tool inventory!



# The new UCD Farm Tool Library!

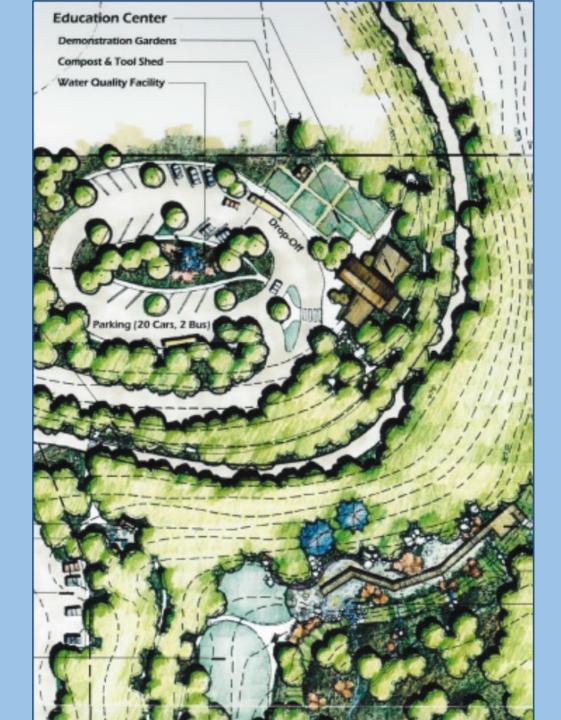
What is this?



Introducing UCD's Farm Tool Library

- > low-cost access to farm-related hand tools
- > costly, specialized or occasional equipment, to try out
- > primarily for small-scale operations
- > and beginning or potential farmers

→ goal: cultivate a community of small farmers and UCD's support of them







Thanks to the National Association of Conservation Districts' Urban Agriculture Conservation capacity-building grant program for initial funding!

UCD staff and board developed this concept in 2020 as an intermediate step toward UCD's long-term vision of creating a Community Conservation Center.

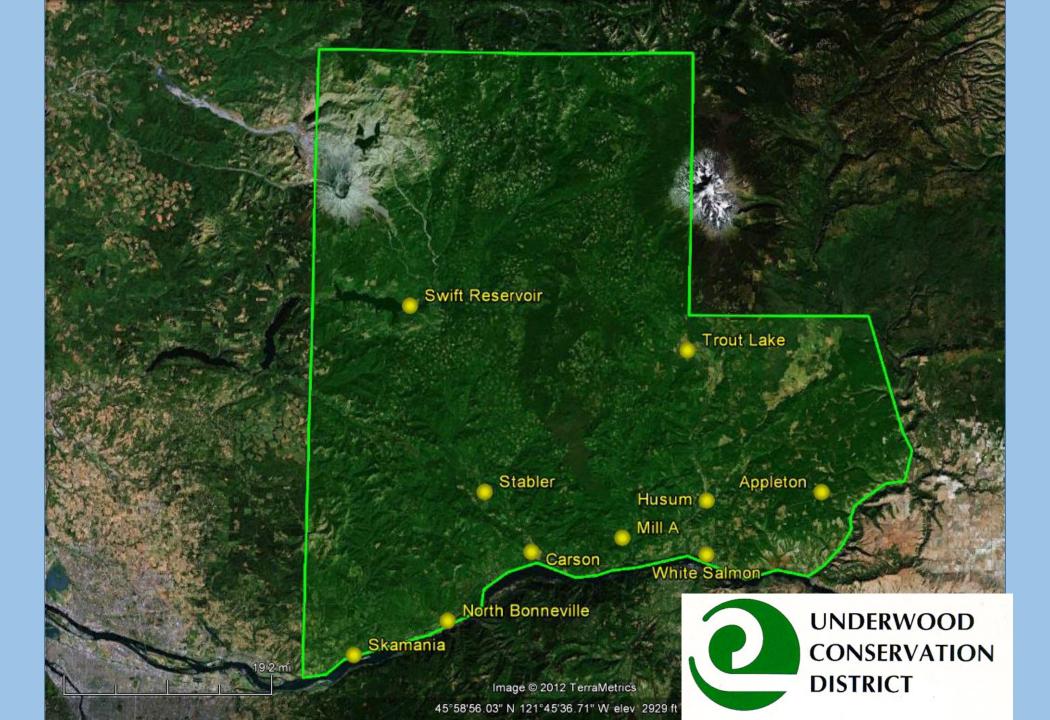




Our Mission: to engage landowners and land users throughout Skamania and west Klickitat Counties in the voluntary conservation, enhancement, stewardship, and sustainable use of natural resources.

## **District Programs**

- Educational Workshops, Seminars and Field Trips
- On-Site Technical Assistance, Conservation
   Planning, Project Development and Cost-Share to:
  - Small Farms
  - Livestock Owners
  - Family Forests
  - Streamside landowners
- Native Plant Sale and Annual TreeFest
- Invasive Weed Management
- Integrated Beneficial Insect/Pollinator Habitat
- Fish Habitat Restoration
- Fish Passage Inventories and Correction
- Irrigation Fish Screen Installation
- Water Quality and Flow Monitoring
- Livestock Best Management Practices
- Oak Woodland and Forest Management
- Firewise and Wildfire Resilience



### **Local Farmland Resources**

#### UCD -

- On-site technical assistance, advice, and potential cost share for best management practices:
  - Livestock
  - Water quality
  - Irrigation improvements
  - Soil health and soil testing
  - Pollinator habitat
  - Conservation farm planning
- \*NEW\* UCD Farm Tool Library
- Future dream of incubator farm....

#### Other Resources:

- Gorge Grown
- WSU Extension
- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS in Goldendale or Vancouver)
- Washington Farmland Trust
- Columbia Land Trust









## Who has helped along the way?

Urban Agriculture grant from the National Association of Conservation
Districts

Volunteers: Peter Fink, Daphne Gill, Grace Rossell

Del Medenbach

Richard Tillinghast

**Paul Newell** 

DJ's Repair and Rental

Gorge Rebuild-It Center

Page Paint in Hood River

Mountain View Grange board members, Ruth Olin and Bruce Bolme

UCD board members, Marie Perez and Barbara Bailey

UCD staff, Dan Richardson, Carly Lemon, Jan Thomas and Ann Gross







## Types of Tools

Farm and garden-related hand tools

more costly items one might "try out" to determine long-term utility

occasional specialized equipment, meant to be used on occasion, such as seasonal bed-preparation or site-establishment, or to enhance conservation practices for improved soil health, invasive weed management or pollinator habitat.

(let's take a sneak peak)

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#### All Items 83 results



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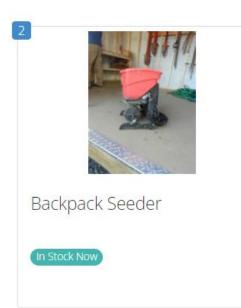
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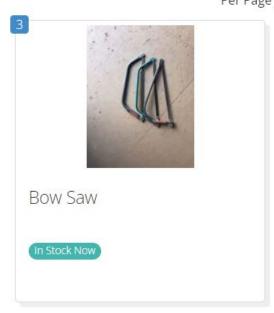
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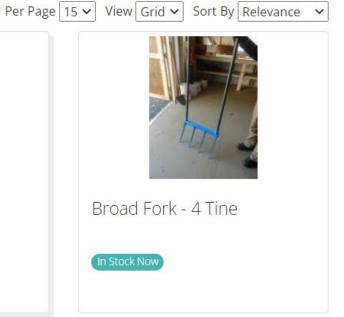
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#### Category

- FARM-ADJACENT TASKS and MULTIPLES FOR WORK PARTIES
- OTHER FARM TASKS
- ☐ TRACTOR ATTACHMENTS & LARGER EQUIPMENT
- ☐ WEEDING, SOIL HEALTH & CULTIVATION

















## Two exceptions:

## No-Till Drill

(located in Underwood; reservable here: www.ucdwa.org/no-till-drill)

## and

## Manure Spreader

(available through DJ's in Bingen; more info here: <a href="www.ucdwa.org/manure-spreader">www.ucdwa.org/manure-spreader</a>)

## **Tool Donations?**

Current criteria for tools to be purchased or donated to the library include:

simple or minimal maintenance required
simple inspection of tools upon return
inspection and maintenance will be documented
little or no personal protective equipment required
little or no training required; if needed, training can be provided by UCD or partners
utility in agriculture operations to support viability and best management practices
no personal everyday equipment, unless it's non-traditional, experimental for potential long-term use
not too fragile, sensitive or easy to break
does not pose high risk to human safety or high liability for UCD.
some hand tools, while common, we can offer multiples for "work party" purposes

### **Future Tool Wishlist:**

multiples of any popular items

WEEDING & CULTIVATION

Tine weeder

Seed-bed roller

Earthway nylon bag seeder

Drag harrow (atv-mounted)

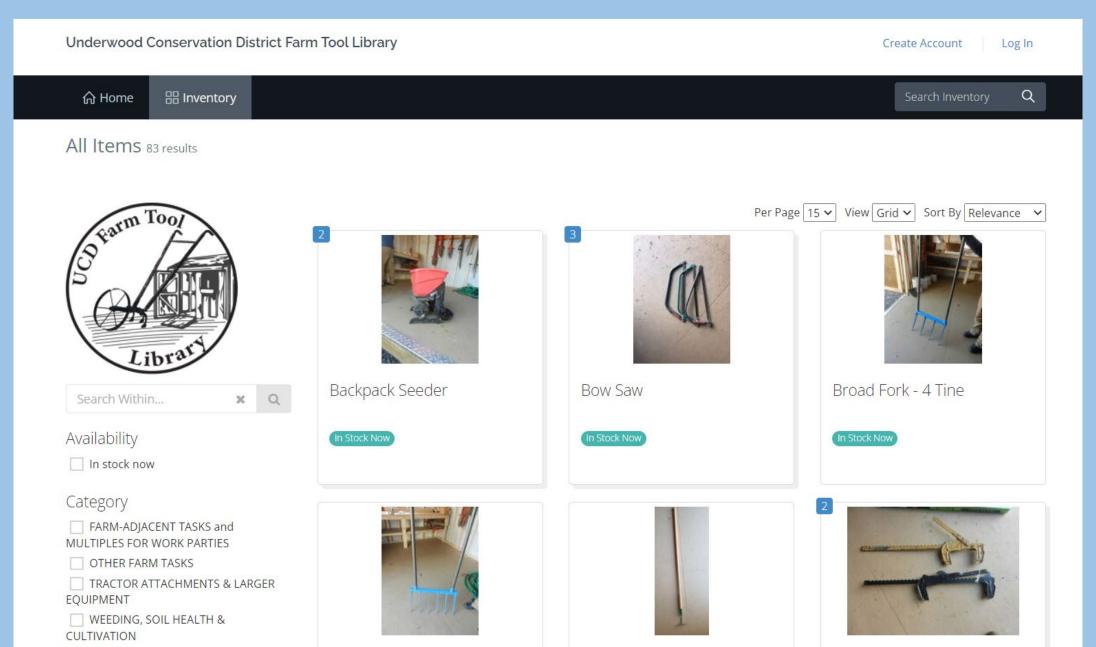
OTHER FARM TASKS

Quick-cut greens harvester

Non-powered push mower

Mobile electric fencing and charger

## Becoming a Member, Reserving and Checking Out Tools:



#### Welcome to the UCD Farm Tool Library!

#### **Underwood Conservation District Farm Tool Library**



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Welcome to the UCD Farm Tool Library!

The UCD Farm Tool Library is designed to provide conservation-oriented tools, such as a wheel plow, broadfork, and no-till drill, to farmers and gardeners.

The Library is located in White Salmon, WA, at the Mt View Grange, accessible from the Estes St parking area.

DROP OFF - Fridays between Noon and 1pm

PICK UP - Fridays between 1pm and 2pm

(Reservations are required.)

Please follow the steps below to start borrowing tools from the UCD Farm Tool Library:

#### 1. CREATE A MEMBERSHIP

We have three membership options available:

**Limited Use -** check out up to 3 tools per year (either singly or all at once). \$20/year.

**Unlimited Use** - check out an unlimited number of tools per year. \$75/year.

Scholarship Memberships are also available to those who are experiencing a hardship that prevents them from purchasing a regular membership. Please reach out directly via email (ucdtoollibrary@ucdwa.org) if you would like to discuss this option.

#### 2. RESERVE YOUR TOOL

Browse the Tool Library, search by category, view pictures and descriptions, check availability, and reserve tools.

#### 3. PICK UP YOUR TOOL

Pick up your reserved tool on Friday between 1pm and 2pm.

#### 4. DROP OFF YOUR TOOL

Drop off your tool (clean and dry!) on the following Friday between Noon and 1pm. We welcome volunteers, and we have a variety of ways you can help!

If you have a tool to consider donating, please email ucdtoollibrary@ucdwa.org or give us a call at 509-493-1936 to discuss (donations to the tool library must meet a specific set of criteria.)

More from UCD --

Viable, working lands are essential to maintaining the rural character of Klickitat and Skamania Counties. UCD supports agricultural operations and small farms by serving farmers and livestock owners with technical assistance, soil sampling, livestock Best Management Practice financial assistance via costshare, educational resources, and the new Farm Tool Library.



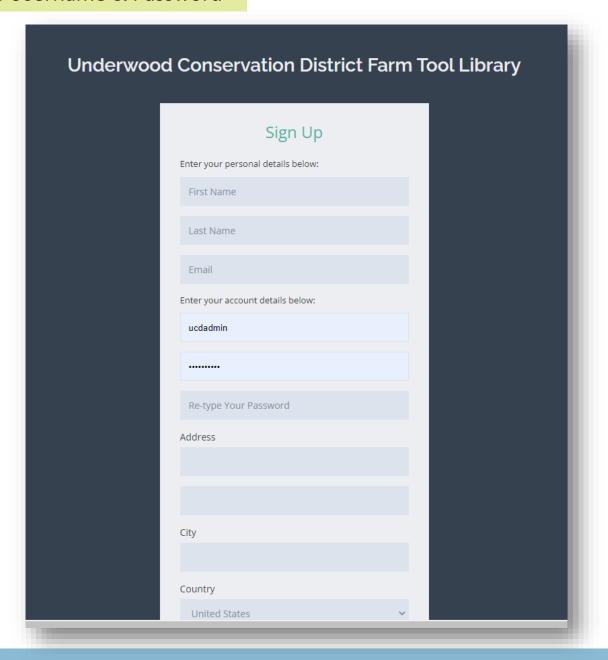
#### Pickup

Drop off your item(s) on Fridays between Noon and 1pm.

Pick up your item(s) on Fridays between 1pm and 2pm.

Thank you! Questions? Email ucdtoollibrary@ucdwa.org.

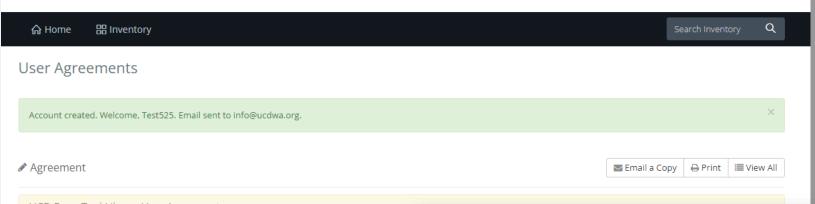
#### Enter Contact Info and Create a Username & Password



#### Read and sign the User Agreement



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#### **FEE STRUCTURE:**

Cleaning Fee - \$20.00, per item, if equipment is returned with residue or material still present Late Fee - \$20.00, per item, if returned after 1pm on due date, after a one-time grace period

Retrieval Fee - \$50.00 + mileage, per item, if UCD must come to pick up the equipment.

Maintenance, Damage, Replacement – Equipment must be returned in satisfactory condition its parts occurs due to an external cause or due to any negligence or any factor while under t the equipment.

#### PAYMENT:

- · Farm Tool Library membership payment is accepted online, via the UCD tool library website
- · Equipment is available for pickup from 1pm to 2pm on the Friday it is reserved, and must be

In the event that additional fees are due, UCD will notify User, and User may elect to pay the credit or debit card. If User does not wish to pay with cash or check upon equipment return,

#### **TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

Upon becoming a member of the UCD Farm Tool Library, User will be asked to indicate your

I understand/agree that: \*

#### I understand/agree that: \*

User releases, holds harmless and indemnifies UCD, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers from any and all claims, suits, actions, or liabilities for injury or death of any person, or for loss or damage to property, which arises out of the User's use of the equipment and in anyway related to, or resulting from the use, operation and/or transportation of the equipment. Without limiting the forgoing, UCD shall not be liable for any personal injury or property damage occurring from (1) loss caused by theft, (2) accidental damage to persons or property from the transportation or operation/use of the equipment, (3) damage or injury resulting from the conduct of the User whether negligent or otherwise, (4) responsibilities or claims that may result from transportation or use, and (5) damage to crops, soil, sensitive or regulated natural resources, farm infrastructure, or loss of crop value.

#### I understand/agree that: \*

In the event of injury or damage not insured against, User shall pay for injury or damages at the sole expense of the User. In releasing, holding harmless and indemnifying UCD, User agrees this includes to identify and hold harmless the UCD, its employees, board members, and volunteers from all claims arising by virtue of the transportation and operation/use of the equipment pursuant to this agreement. In the event UCD incurs any legal fees or other costs enforcing the terms of this agreement, the User shall be responsible for all such fees and costs. User also acknowledges that UCD is not responsible for any public health issues arising from the use of this equipment.

#### INVASIVES PREVENTION AND BIOSECURITY PROCEDURE:

The purpose of this procedure is to stop the spread of invasive plants, disease, and pests from one operation to the next. 1. Once you receive the equipment you are required to spray the equipment and the trailer (including tires and undercarriage) with a hose. Ensure all material and residue is removed from the equipment. 2. Once you have completed use of the equipment you are required to spray the equipment and the trailer (including tires and undercarriage) with a hose. Ensure all material and residue is removed from the equipment. To reduce the spread of vineyard and orchard pests, such as Phylloxera and Crown Gall, it is recommended that you move the equipment to a concrete pad away from crops or other sensitive areas, pressure wash equipment using a 10% bleach solution or hot water with detergent in the pressure washer.

#### Signature \*

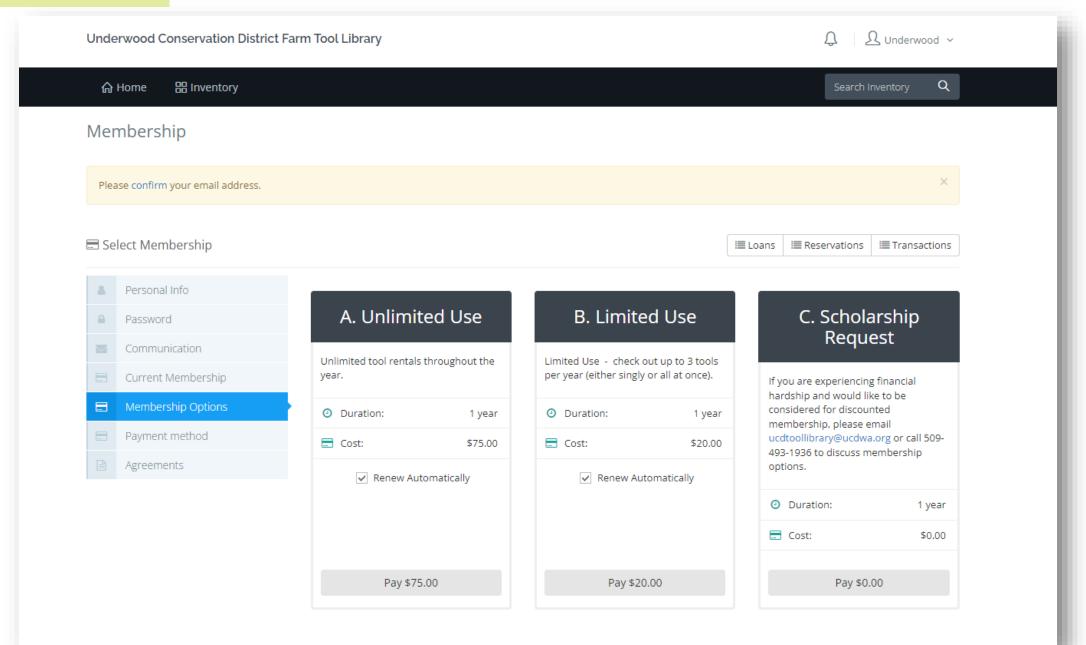
By entering my name below, I am agreeing to all terms, conditions, and payments described in this agreement.

Name or Initials

I Agree

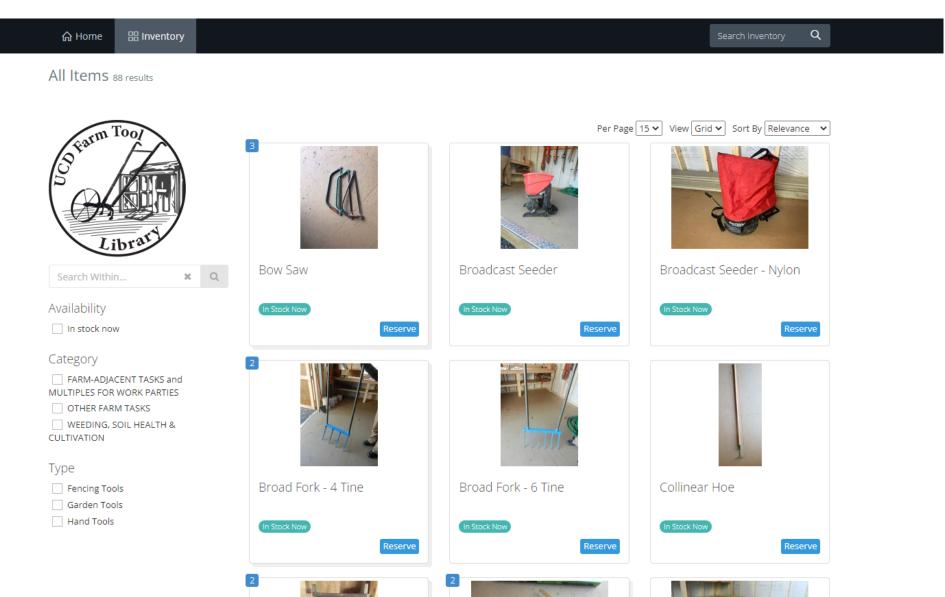
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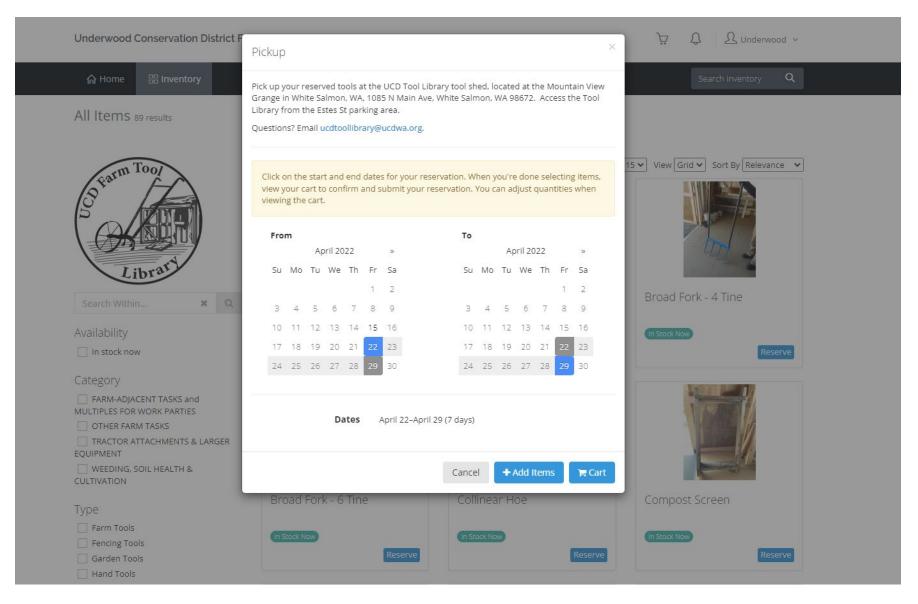


#### Browse the available tools

Underwood Conservation District Farm Tool Library



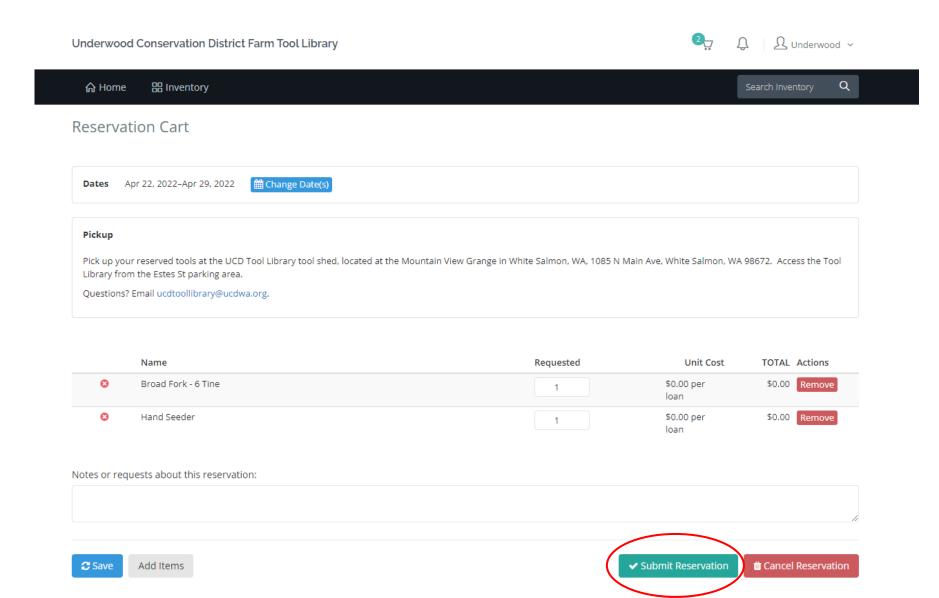
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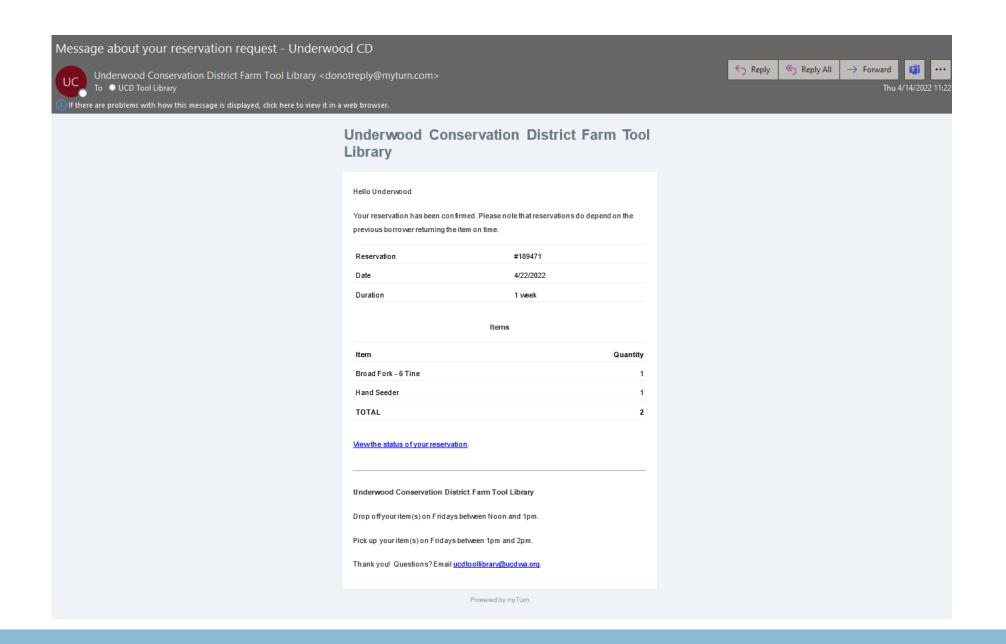
7-day checkout for all tools, Friday - Friday

- ✓ Pick-up your tool on Friday, 1-2pm
- ✓ Return your tool on the following Friday, 12-1pm

#### Click on your cart to complete the reservation



#### You will receive a confirmation email for your reservation



## How You Can Support the UCD Farm Tool Library:

- Spread the word! Share with your networks....
- Donate funding to support its operations: <a href="https://www.ucdwa.org/donate-1">https://www.ucdwa.org/donate-1</a>
- Suggest other funding sources or grants that could support this program
- Volunteer! We have several varied tasks that would support this effort, including:
  - Spanish translation assistance
  - Tool repair, sharpening and maintenance
  - Toolshed improvements
  - Other operational support
  - Assist with "how-to" workshops or videos for specific tool uses and maintenance
- Consider additional ways to support agriculture, share resources, and connect farmers:
  - Gorge Grown's classifieds: <a href="https://gorgegrown.com/classifieds/">https://gorgegrown.com/classifieds/</a>
  - Connect farmers with land: <a href="https://farmtofarmer.org/">https://farmtofarmer.org/</a>
  - Farm book library?
  - Tool "repair café" events?
  - Provide other tools (not fitting our criteria) and consumables?
  - Join your local grange
  - Buy local produce!
  - Other ideas?



## You're Invited:

to our grand opening celebration on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 4-6pm and tour the farm tool inventory!

Part of the festivities includes a tool sharpening workshop at 4pm given by Del Medenbach, woodshop teacher at Columbia High School. Bring your hand gardening tools like shovels and hoes and get pointers as you sharpen. Del will have files available or folks can bring their own files.





at the Mountain View Grange in White Salmon



## Thank you for attending!

Q&A

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