WHO WE ARE

The Missoula Urban Demonstration Project (MUD) has been part of the Missoula community for nearly 40 years. Since the beginning, we have worked to inspire and empower our community to live more sustainably. As our work evolves we continue to prioritize providing tools, skills, and knowledge so everyone can improve their homes and lives regardless of background or income.

We have now been at our Wyoming Street site for 8 years and invite you to visit. Stop by to borrow tools, ask questions about projects you’re working on, or just enjoy a fresh plum or apple from our orchard.

Thank you for being a part of the MUD community and sharing in our successes from 2019!

MISSION AND VISION

Mission: MUD empowers people to build a more sustainable community through tool sharing and hands-on learning.

Vision: We believe education, demonstration, and celebration of urban sustainable living will create equitable communities and healthy ecosystems.
Such a gift to the community. Thank you for providing a community space and dialogue for all things hands on.

—Melissa LaFontaine, MUD member and small business owner

OUR PROGRAMS

RESOURCE SHARING
We provide what our members need to help ideas become reality.

TOOL LIBRARY
The tool library is home to over 2,500 tools to satisfy all your DIY project needs.

TRUCK SHARE
The MUD truck is available for hauling supplies, moving across town, or when you just need a vehicle for a few hours.

EDUCATION
We offer hands-on learning and sustainable living demonstrations to inspire and instruct community members to tackle DIY projects.

WORKSHOPS
MUD workshops equip participants with hands-on experience and guidance from our expert instructors. Each year we host 15 - 20 skill-building workshops and reach over 200 community members.

DEMONSTRATION
MUD’s solar panels, rainwater catchment system, recycled glass pathways, shipping containers, reused building materials, urban gardens, and permeable parking spaces all demonstrate sustainable living practices. Our goal is to educate and inspire others to make similar choices in their homes and businesses.
BY THE NUMBERS

TOOL LOANS
Over **11,000** tool loans in 2019

MOST POPULAR TOOLS
- Cordless Drill
- Saw Horse
- Needle Nose Pliers
- Slip Joint Pliers
- Screwdriver
- Wire Stripper
- Tape Measure
- Coping Saw
- Step Ladder
- Rechargeable Battery Charger
- Jig Saw
- Circular Saw
- Lawn Mower

MUD MEMBERSHIPS
- **850** households held MUD memberships.
- **237** first-time memberships.
- **78%** of users were low to moderate income households.

MUD TRUCK SHARE
- **30** members used the MUD Truck
- The truck was driven over **3,500** miles
- The MUD Truck continues to be the only car share program in Missoula

850 households and organizations served by the MUD Tool Library
ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH

We welcomed 3 new staff members in 2019: Jane McGuire as Communications Coordinator, Christian Russell as Head Tool Librarian, and Casey Valencia as Executive Director.

We finalized our solar panel installation and now power our site with the sun.

We refurbished a 19th Century cider press to add to our inventory in 2020.

We welcomed 237 new households and organizations as MUD Members.

LOOKING AHEAD

We have a lot of exciting goals for 2020 including:

Implementing honeybees at our demonstration site and hosting a beekeeping workshop series.

Reorganizing and updating the tool library for our members and community.

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day at our annual celebration.

Installing educational signage at our site.
We truly appreciate all of our partners that continue to support MUD every year.

**Sustainability Circle**
- Good Food Store
- DJ&A
- Frame of Mind
- Zoo City Apparel
- Missoula Broadcasting Company

**Community Partners**
- Home ReSource
- YWCA GRIT Program
- Garden City Harvest
- Soil Cycle
- Montana Campus Compact
- UM FLAT
- National Wildlife Federation
- Bad Goat Forest Products

And a huge thank you to all of our volunteers and donors!
GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to get involved with MUD!

- Become a MUD Member
- Join us at a workshop
- Check out our Earth Day Celebration on April 25th
- Volunteer
- Follow us on social media
- Tour our site
- Donate at missoulaurbandemonstration.square.site/
- Dance the night away at our fall Garden Party
- Join us for a community night at a local brewery or restaurant

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Tool Library Hours
Monday 4-7 pm
Friday 4-7 pm
Saturday 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday 10 am - 4 pm