

Tool List

- Builder's level or transit (Photo 1)
- Metal-cutting blade for your saw or a grinder to cut the rebar
- Tie-wire tool (Photo 5)
- Hand sledge for pounding in stakes
- Two or three contractor-grade wheelbarrows. A small gardener's wheelbarrow won't stand up under a heavy load of wet concrete.
- Heavy-duty iron rakes or special come-alongs to move wet concrete around
- Bull float with an extension handle (Photo 8)
- Groover (Photo 11)
- Edger (Photo 9)
- Two magnesium hand floats (Photo 12)
- Two steel trowels

You can rent all of the above, or buy some of the less expensive hand tools, like the steel trowel (\$10 to \$20) and magnesium float (\$15).