

WHAT TO EXPECT AT A HABITAT WORK SITE



Typical Work Day	
8:45 a.m.	Sign in with Site Host
9:00 a.m.	Brief on-site orientation and begin work
Noon-12:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Clean up site
3:00 p.m.	Head home

Please be on time so you can get instructions at the beginning of the day from the site supervisor. ***Work will not begin until 9:00 a.m. and all volunteers have received safety and work instructions.*** Please don't arrive more than 15 minutes early, since site supervisors and crew leaders are busy preparing for the day.

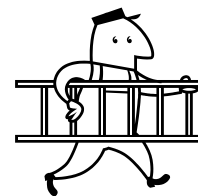
We do our best to let you know ahead of time what the work will be for the day. However, weather, subcontractors, or other factors may alter the work schedule. Your patience and flexibility will be greatly appreciated if we have to change or postpone work.

Your willingness to do the work assigned will also be most helpful. Until a Site Supervisor has an idea of skill and ability levels, basic tasks will be assigned to volunteers. Do inform your Supervisor or Crew Leader if you are unable to perform a certain task, and why, so appropriate adjustments can be made, if possible.

Remember that we are not just building a house; we are building community in partnership with future Habitat homeowners and volunteers. To this end, you are encouraged to take time to get acquainted with the person(s) working alongside you.

Smoking is prohibited in Habitat buildings and on the Habitat construction workplace.

**Always remember that this is an active construction site –
Be safe and think safety at all times!**



Faces at the Construction Site

Volunteers: No skills necessary. Come ready to work and to learn building techniques. Thank you for helping us to build safe, decent, affordable homes!

Site Supervisor: Habitat staff member who is experienced in construction. The Site Supervisor can troubleshoot various problems and teach you how to use tools, etc.

Crew leader: Volunteer who is handy or experienced at a specific task and will teach you how to use tools and complete a job.

What to Wear

For your safety and comfort, dress appropriately for the weather and work. Sturdy, closed-toe shoes are required. Wear clothes and shoes that you are willing to get dirty and painted. During the summer, wear lightweight natural fabrics and a hat, and use sun block. Wear multiple layers during colder months. Please leave all jewelry at home for your safety and so it does not get damaged or lost.

What to Bring

- Water bottle - there will be water on site to refill your bottle.

Bring the following IF you would like. We will provide what you don't have:

- Tool belt, personal hand tools (e.g.: hammer, tape measure, screwdriver, etc.), and personal protective equipment (e.g.: gloves, safety glasses, hardhat, etc.). Please **clearly mark all your personal equipment** and make sure you leave with what you brought! We cannot be responsible for personal belongings.

What NOT to Bring

- Valuable items
- Children under 16
- Alcohol, smoking materials, or drugs



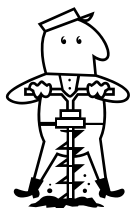
Inclement Weather Policy

Typically, work will go on as scheduled, rain or shine. If possible, you will be notified should weather conditions be severe enough to prompt work cancellations.

Lunches

Unless furnished through the generosity of sponsors, other groups, or individuals, volunteers provide their own lunches. If you have special dietary requirements, we ask that you bring along something you can eat, even when meals are furnished by others.

Drinking water will be available at the jobsite. Other non-alcoholic beverages may be brought with your lunches.



Age Policy

All construction volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Please do not bring children younger than 16 to the worksite. Because of our national policy, we would have to ask you to leave if you bring children younger than 16 to the worksite.

Sixteen and seventeen year old volunteers are not allowed to go on the roof or use power tools, and liability waivers must be signed by a parent or guardian.