



## Construction Volunteer Guidelines

### Days/Times

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:00 am-2:30 pm. Exception: We will not work on-site on the first Saturday of the month, due to Construction Volunteer Orientations.

**Please plan to arrive early so we can start promptly, as a group, at 8:00 a.m. Latecomers may be turned away because it's difficult for our Site Supervisor to manage people arriving at different times.**

### Workday Schedule

7:45	Arrival
8:00	Prayer, introductions, briefing on the day's work
8:15	Instruction and construction
11:30	Lunch break
12:00	Continue construction
2:00	Return tools and clean up site
2:30	Dismissal

### Liability Waivers

Habitat should have your liability waiver from your attendance at the Construction Volunteer Orientation. If not, please see the Site Host for assistance.

### What To Bring

Lunch – We will have a short break to eat

**Very Important:** Please bring your own safety glasses, ear plugs and work gloves (available at local stores)

Personal Tools – Feel free to bring your own hammer, tape measure, speed square, etc. if you have them. However, Habitat will have available all necessary tools for the day's work.

### Appropriate Clothing

Hat and sunscreen

Boots or heavy shoes preferred, sneakers acceptable

Shorts, T-Shirts, Jeans (according to the weather)

Do not wear: Short shorts, flip flops or any open-toed shoes, tube/spaghetti strap/or low cut tops

### Jobsite Courtesy and Safety

Our first priority is safety – if we build a house, that's okay, too. We're not in a hurry. We'll take the time we need to build this house as carefully as if it were our own, with the best craftsmanship possible, and in compliance with all applicable building codes.

Pay attention: The best way to ensure your safety and the safety of others is to be aware of what's going on around you. Watch your step. Be careful of where you lay things down. Look out for others. Remove all nails from a board before you discard it. Keep electrical cords out of the way. If you see a potentially dangerous situation, fix it or call it to the attention of someone who can.

Cover yourself: Wear sunscreen and a hat in the summer. In the winter, dress appropriately. Wear eye protection whenever you work with power tools. Wear work gloves to protect your hands when handling lumber. Wear a dust mask when handling insulation, or if dust bothers you. Get a good night's sleep before you come to work.

Supervisors on Site: On the job site, there will be at least one Habitat construction supervisor. They will instruct you on what needs to be done on that day. The work can vary from taking down walls to putting up dry wall, to painting and simply moving supplies. If you do not understand or have any questions, feel free to go up to one of the supervisors and let them know. They are there to guide you and answer any questions. The supervisors will not directly be performing tasks, they are there to teach and guide you.

Respect property. Take care of tools as if they were your own and return them to their proper place when finished. Conserve building materials. Habitat is a nonprofit charitable organization that relies on donations. Pick up your own nails, scraps, drink cans, and other trash. At the end of the day, help restack and cover lumber, wrap extension cords, and return tools to the truck.

Be a student and a teacher. Most of the volunteers who build Habitat homes are learning on the job. Pay attention to those whose skills are greater than yours and learn as much as you can from them. Then help those who are less skilled and teach them what you know.

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