


Construction Volunteers: Things You Need to Know

You must register in advance for construction activities and you must have completed Foundations of Habitat training and handed in a Volunteer Waiver form.



Construction days are scheduled **from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.** and we respectfully ask that volunteers be available for the entire day in order to ensure the success of each work crew and the efforts of each day. **You should plan to arrive at the work site by about 8:15 a.m.** in order to sign in and be ready to receive site orientation and work assignments.

Please note: if it is necessary for us to cancel work at a construction site for any reason, information will be recorded on our office phone system – please check for messages after 7 a.m. on your scheduled work day at (860) 442-7890. 

Please bring the following:

- T Your own food and drink for lunch, (water and morning snacks are provided on Saturdays)
- T Sturdy work boots or shoes (Sandals or other open-toed shoes are not permitted on the work site)
- T Long pants are usually recommended, except during very hot weather, as well as long sleeves to help protect your arms.
- T Clothing should not be excessively loose, such that it might get caught in tools or machinery and cause injury.
- T You may want to bring your own work gloves, hammer, or tool belt. Habitat will provide you with these if you don't bring your own.
- T Depending on the weather, you may want to dress in layers (which can be modified as the day progresses) and bring sunscreen and/or sunglasses.
- T Bring a hat, safety goggles, and a tool belt if you have it. There will be tools on site, but many people prefer to use their own tools and anything you can bring with you is welcome, except that we ask that you to not bring any power tools with you – we use only our Habitat power tools at our work sites. Remember to take your personal tools home with you at the end of the day.

Important:

Please note that children under age 16 are not allowed at the work site in accordance with US child labor laws.

Workers between the ages of 16 through 18 must be accompanied by an adult, and are not allowed to use power tools.

Drinking of alcoholic beverages is not permitted at the work site.

Smoking inside the building is prohibited. 

Each site has access to lavatories either on site during the final stages of construction or portable lavatories.