

2023 Construction Volunteer Information

No building skills are required! Most of our volunteers have never been involved with building a house and/or landscaping. All that's needed is your willingness to learn and to help in those ways which your physical stamina allows – and your desire to work with others to provide a home for a Habitat partner family. Due to safety regulations, those under the age of 16 are not permitted on site and those 16 and 17 years old must be accompanied by an adult guardian.

What should I wear to the construction site? Wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes (closed toed shoes are mandatory), and clothing that you don't mind getting dirty! As work takes place both indoors and outdoors, come prepared for the weather. A bandana is also very helpful for wiping of sweat and grime.

What should I bring to the construction site? Should I bring tools? Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley will provide the safety equipment, hand tools and power tools you will be using. You may bring your own safety helmet, work gloves, tool belt and/or tools if you like, but be sure to label them with your name. It is best to remove all jewelry and pull loose hair back. Also, be sure to bring your own personal comfort items – sunscreen, a hat and layered clothing for weather changes. Please leave your valuables at home.

There will be water and toilet facilities available at the site, and lunch will be provided by other volunteers.

Prior to the work date Prior to the work date you will receive an email from Habitat to confirm that you are registered to work on that date. There will be a link in the email to allow you to complete an online liability waiver form. Please complete the form prior to the work date. If you are not able to complete the form, there will be a paper form for you to complete at the worksite. Note: you only have to complete a liability waiver once a year.

You will also receive an email from the FUMC AA Good News Group Volunteer Coordinator to give you the work site address (with Google Maps link), status of the build and other information concerning the day that you might find helpful.

When should I arrive at the site? – 8:30 am sharp! To be present for the mandatory safety talk.

What do I do when I arrive on site? Volunteers must also fill out the Sign-In sheet located on the job site and make a nametag for themselves with a piece of masking tape. (Classy, huh?)

After volunteers have arrived and signed in, the Habitat for Humanity Construction Manager, will go over the required safety procedures and the jobs to be done for the day.

The following is a typical workday schedule:

8:30am – 9:00 Volunteer sign-in, mandatory safety instruction, and task assignments

9:00am – 11:30am Workday tasks

11:30am - 12:30pm Lunch

12:30pm - 3:00pm Workday tasks

3:00pm - 3:30pm Cleanup

If weather or some other unforeseen circumstances should alter the schedule before arrival time on the site, you will be contacted of the change (but, I can only remember this happening once in 10 years!) On occasion, the workday may end before 3:30 pm.

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