

volunteer guidelines

Review and distribute these guidelines to volunteers ahead of time in preparation for your time on site.

The Basics

Volunteering with Twin Cities Habitat is fun! No construction experience is required. No one is asked to do anything they're not comfortable with. Volunteering is a full-day commitment, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please arrive on time, check in with the Site Supervisor and plan to work the entire shift. Breaks are in the morning, at lunch, and in the afternoon.

Health & Safety

Be up-to-date with your tetanus vaccine. Adults need a booster every ten years. Alert the people you are working with if you have a medical condition Habitat should be aware of (allergies, asthma, heart problems, etc). There is a first aid kit on every site.

Food & Snacks

Habitat does not provide food on site. If your group is not providing food, please bring your own snacks and lunch. Drinking water and restroom facilities will be provided during every volunteer opportunity.

What to Bring

- Lunch and snacks
- Sunscreen as appropriate
- Reusable water container
- Tools and equipment will be provided (you are responsible for any personal tools you bring)
- Your signed liability waiver (if under 18 years old)

What to Wear

- Comfortable clothes that can get dirty
- Dress for the weather and wear layers
- Work boots or sneakers (no open-toe/heel shoes)
- A pair of work gloves
- Hat and/or sunglasses as appropriate



Join us!

Make a serious impact.





Contact your Resource Development Coordinator with any questions, or for complete details on any of our volunteer opportunities.

Homebuilding

Volunteers help build a new home or rehab an existing home. Build sites require between 10 and 18 volunteers depending on site assignment. Build days are available Monday through Friday during the spring/summer and Tuesday through Saturday during the fall/winter. All shifts are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A Brush with Kindness

Volunteers preserve homeownership by helping homeowners maintain and repair their homes. Most work is done from April through October. Projects typically require one to five days to complete. Weekdays and Saturdays are available. The work days run 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Up to 15 volunteers can work on projects. Smaller indoor projects are available from October to April.

ReStore

Groups may bring up to 13 volunteers. Two- to eight-hour shifts are available throughout the week. Duties include, but are not limited to, organizing donations, helping to manage show room floor inventory, and cleaning up around the store.

Landscaping Volunteer Specifics

Landscaping volunteers help landscape a Habitat home. Volunteer days run 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (many projects finish early). Projects require 4 to 10 volunteers depending on project size. Volunteers are asked to bring their own work gloves.

Build. Think. Act!

Habitat is committed to raising awareness about the importance of affordable, decent housing in our community. During breaks on site, volunteers may participate in discussions and activities called *Build. Think. Act!* which highlight housing issues and solutions in a fun and engaging way.

Youth

For safety reasons, youth under the age of 16 are not allowed to volunteer on active construction sites. Teenagers ages 14 to 15 are allowed to volunteer at the ReStore or landscaping projects. We require one adult leader for every group of four youth. All adult supervisors must be 21 years or older.