

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 for homebuilding and *A Brush with Kindness*. 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
- Work gloves
- Tools and equipment will be provided (you are responsible for any personal tools)
- Signed liability waiver (if under 18 years old)
- Personal protective equipment (ie. face mask)

What to Wear

- Comfortable clothes that can get dirty
- Dress for the weather and wear layers
- A pair of work gloves
- Hat and/or sunglasses as appropriate
- **Sturdy closed-toe shoes* with a thick sole**
- A mask

* Volunteers without proper footwear will be sent home.



Join us!

Make a serious impact.





Contact your Engagement Associate with any questions, or for complete details on any of our volunteer opportunities.

Homebuilding

Volunteers help build a new home or rehab an existing one. Build days are available Monday through Friday during the spring and summer, and Tuesday through Saturday during the fall and winter.

A Brush with Kindness

Volunteers preserve homeownership, helping homeowners maintain and repair their homes. Most work is done April through October. Projects typically require one to five days to complete.

ReStore

Two four-hour shifts are available Tuesday through Friday and Saturday. Duties include, but are not limited to, organizing donations, helping to manage show room floor inventory, and cleaning up around the store.

Youth

All youth 18 and under will require a parental waiver.

CONSTRUCTION

- Youth under 16 are not allowed on construction sites.
- One adult (21 and up) is required for every four 16–18 year-olds.

RESTORE

- Youth under 14 are not allowed to volunteer at the ReStore.
- One adult (21 and up) is required for every group of four 14–15 year-olds.