

Construction Volunteers: Things You Need to Know

🕒 Construction days are scheduled **from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 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.

📞 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, press 5.

Please note:

- 🔧 Bring your own food and drink for lunch, (water and morning snacks are provided)
- 🔧 Bring a water bottle. Additional water will be provided on site, but bringing a water bottle helps to reduce waste on our build sites
- 🔧 Wear sturdy work boots or shoes (Sandals or other open-toed shoes are not permitted on the work site)
- 🔧 Long pants and long sleeves are recommended to help protect you arms and legs, except during very hot weather.
- 🔧 You may want to dress in layers (which can be modified as the day progresses) and bring sunscreen and/or sunglasses.
- 🔧 Clothing should not be excessively loose or baggy, to prevent the possibility of clothing getting caught in tools or machinery and causing injury.
- 🔧 You may want to bring your own work gloves, safety glasses, hammer, or tool belt. Habitat for Humanity will provide these if you don't bring your own.
- 🔧 If you do decide to bring your own items, please be sure to label them clearly as your own, and take them when you leave. With so many people on site it is easy for tools to be misplaced and packed away with Habitat for Humanity supplies.
- 🔧 It is not permissible to bring power tools or tools that have been handmade or altered to the construction site. All power tools that might be used will be Habitat for Humanity issued.
- 🔧 Anyone with a pre-existing immune system deficiency may not participate in work on a build site during the demolition phase. If you are unsure if you have a pre-existing immune system deficiency, please check with your medical provider. All others must wear protective equipment at all times during critical phases of construction work, including but not exclusively the demolition phase.
- 🔧 Youth under age 16 are not allowed on the construction site in accordance with CT state labor laws. Youth ages 16 and 17 must be accompanied by an adult and are not allowed to use power tools, do demolition, do roof work or use and extension ladder. There must be at least 1 adult of every 5 youth.
- 🔧 Drinking of alcoholic beverages is not permitted at the work site, or on lunch breaks.
- 🔧 Smoking is not permitted on the build site
- 🔧 Each site has access to lavatories, either in the home in the final stages of construction or portable lavatories.