

Basic Information for your Habitat Construction Workday:

SAFETY INFORMATION:

- Wear close-toed shoes (sneakers work fine); and wear comfortable clothing that can get dirty and is weather-appropriate.
- Always wear eye protection when using a circular saw (Habitat provides gloves, goggles and other safety equipment).
- Boards have two ends – be aware of your surroundings when you are carrying material.
- Don't be in a hurry! Concentrate on the task and take your time.
- Lift with your knees and not your back.
- Remove all nails from discarded lumber to prevent someone from stepping on them.
- Keep the site clean to prevent accidents from happening.
- Use a ladder that will reach the work and always make sure the ladder is set in a solid position.
- Never leave tools on top of a ladder – it can fall on your head.
- Know the location of the First Aid kit and water.
- Drink plenty of water, especially on hot days
- If unsure about how to do a task, ASK the site supervisor.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Our workday begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends around 2 or 3 p.m.; although we sometimes finish earlier, depending on the crew size and task. We ask that all volunteers commit to staying the duration of the workday; otherwise the job might not be completed, which could delay our build schedule.
- We provide all tools required for the jobs, although you are welcome to bring your own tool belt or hand tools, if you prefer.
- No construction experience is necessary! Our construction staff will provide training for all tasks, so do not worry if you're not a construction professional. We want you to have a safe, meaningful experience with Habitat – so please ask questions or ask for help any time at the site!
- About weather: although we don't work in the pouring rain, we do try to work in a drizzle. So a light rain jacket can be helpful for those pop-up showers. Hurricanes and deluges will stop work, but we work around weather systems as much as possible. We rarely cancel a workday!
- We will have drinking water onsite and lunch will be provided (around 11:30 a.m.). We do recommend that volunteers bring a snack and personal water bottle for the day. Thank you for your support! We look forward to working with you!