



Build Volunteer General Information

Build Day Schedule: All volunteers should arrive at the parking area at **7:00 a.m. – 7:10 a.m.** to allow for a 15-minute walk to the build site. The build day begins promptly at **7:30 a.m.** with a safety meeting. Our goal is to stop work at approximately **3:30 p.m.** We build as a community; starting together and ending together.

What to Wear: Sturdy boots are best. Tennis shoes are acceptable (**NO sandals, flip flops, open toes, high heels, etc.**). Wear work clothes appropriate for the weather (bring a jacket, gloves, hat if it's cold and light layers if warm). Leave jewelry and other valuables at home. Chances are you'll get dirty!

Construction Zone: The Habitat build site is a working construction zone. Be aware of your surroundings. If you need to make a call or use your phone, please step away from the active construction areas. Look for uneven terrain, electrical cords, nails, and other possible hazards. **USE CAUTION.**

Tools: Habitat Nashville has tools available for everyone at the jobsite. If you bring your own, label them clearly. If they get left or lost at the jobsite, they may be lost forever! Do **NOT** bring power tools or nail guns of any kind.

Weather Delays: NONE - If you sign up to volunteer, *we are counting on you to be there.* If weather ever makes the site dangerous, the Construction Director will ensure the safety of all volunteers. If you wake up and it's raining, put on a poncho and come to the jobsite!

Age Guidelines: No one under 16 is allowed at the build site. Young people 16 or 17 may volunteer if they are accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age. They may not use ladders, or power tools. Parent/legal guardian must sign their release form. Volunteers should be able to show proof of age.

Food: All volunteers/volunteer groups are responsible for providing their own snacks, water, and lunch for the day, unless notified otherwise. Lunch deliveries need to be at the build site by **11:15 a.m.** and the entire build site will break for lunch at **11:30 a.m.** sharp. If you have specific dietary restrictions, please note that food provided may not meet all your dietary needs so please plan accordingly.

Seating: While there is no formal seating on the build site there are plenty of spots on the curb and around the site where volunteers can sit. However, volunteers are more than welcome to bring folding chairs to utilize during breaks or lunch.

Safety: Habitat Nashville is a Drug-Free Workplace. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of controlled substances is prohibited on all build sites. Please read the Safety Handbook, before coming to the build site for the first time: [Safety Handbook](#)