

Volunteering on a Habitat for Humanity Job Site



Why Volunteer?

Volunteering on a Habitat Site:

- connects you to others
- gives you a way to make a real difference in your community
- allows you to spend time doing good
- helps you make new friends
- increases social and relational skills
- increases self-confidence
- helps you stay physically healthy
- teaches new and valuable skills
- gives you work experience
- can provide career experience
- teaches time management skills
- brings fulfillment to your life
- is fun!



How to Dress for Your Work Day

- Closed toed shoes (work boots or sneakers)
- Layers you don't mind getting dirty (or painted)
- Long pants (and long sleeves) without cuffs preferred – nothing baggy
- Protective facemask that covers mouth and nose
- Little or no jewelry
- No dangling strings
- Hair tied back



What You Should Bring

Stay safe and hydrated!

In the event you do not have your own, Habitat will have water, bug spray, rain ponchos, sunscreen, and protective equipment.

Lunch will not be provided, unless arranged by your volunteer group.

- Lunch and water bottle
- Facemask that covers your mouth and nose
- Work gloves, safety glasses, tool belt (if you have them)
- Positive attitude, willingness to get dirty

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY





Volunteer Day

WHAT TO EXPECT ON A JOB SITE



When You Arrive

(8:15 – 8:30 am)

- Greeted by site supervisor, get a nametag
- Sign in and sign the liability waiver (if not done previously)
- 8:30 am KICKOFF! (Learn about the Habitat Oakland mission and community)
- Safety briefing
- Job assignments and PPE preparation



Typical Construction Tasks

- Building walls
- Framing
- Priming and painting
- Drywall repair
- Roofing
- Siding
- Flooring
- Tiling
- Installing cabinets/appliance/fixtures
- Hanging blinds/other finishing items
- Landscaping
- Site cleanup

SCHEDULED TASKS ARE TENTATIVE



Typical Day

Volunteers arrive, 8:15 – 8:30 am

Kickoff, 8:30 am

Lunch break around noon

Site cleanup, 3:00 – 3:30 pm

Site Supervisors will help all experience levels have a productive build day!



Remember:

Follow safety guidelines for use of ladders and tools.

Be aware of your surroundings! Check for uneven ground, wires (above and below), and for people carrying large objects.

Please take breaks for rest, water, food, or bathroom, as needed throughout the day.

Please talk to the site supervisor if you are not comfortable with a task.



Our homeowners are working hard to build and buy their homes, so

WE BUILD ALL YEAR

Rain, snow or shine!

- When we have an unscheduled closure of a volunteer service event, a notice will be emailed to all volunteers who have signed up using their volunteer profile on the HFHOC website by 7 am.
- Team leads for scheduled groups will be emailed directly by a member of the Volunteer Department .
- In all cases, please use your personal discretion if it is safe for you to leave your home and travel to site.
- Questions or concerns – contact the volunteer department at volunteer@habitatoakland.org or 248-338-1843 x284.

Thank you for joining our
Habitat Oakland
community!

**We build strength, stability
and self reliance
through shelter.**



Let's Build Change Together.

