

The health and safety of our volunteers is our top priority. If you are entering a Habitat site, whether in our office, ReStore or construction site, the protocols below will apply to you.

Please do not go to the build site without prior consent from the Community Engagement Coordinator or Construction Supervisor.

Build group size and times: *

- Volunteer groups up to 8 people.
- Volunteer shifts:
 - 8:30 am – Noon
 - 1:00 – 4:30 pm
- A lunch break occurs from Noon-1pm (Habitat does not provide lunch)
- Volunteers must be age 16 or older to volunteer on the build site.
- No walk-in visitors or volunteers will be allowed.

Before arriving at a volunteer site:

- Please assess your signs and symptoms. Do not come to volunteer if you are feeling ill or have been exposed to someone ill.
- **All volunteers are required to complete an online waiver. [Link to Habitat 2022 Online Waiver](#)**
(The online waiver only needs to be completed once per year. No paper waivers are available.)

What to bring to the build site:

- Please bring your own individually filled and **labeled water bottle**.
- Please bring your own **glasses** – prescription, sunglasses or safety glasses. A limited supply of safety goggles are available and appropriately sanitized.
- Please bring your own **gloves**.
- Sunscreen.
- **You will get dirty.** Wear clothing that you do not mind tearing or staining.

What to wear:

- **Wear closed toe shoes or boots and long pants.** Open toe shoes and shorts are not proper work site apparel and will limit your ability to participate in construction activities.
- **Layered clothing is recommended.** You may not know in advance if you are working indoors or outdoors. Dress appropriately for the weather.
- **You will get dirty.** Wear clothing that you do not mind tearing or staining.

Upon arriving at the build site:

- Do not come to volunteer if you are feeling ill or have been exposed to someone ill.
- Upon arriving at the build site, please check in with the Site Host.
- Let the construction staff know if you have a medical condition that they should be aware of, such as allergies, asthma, heart problems, etc.
- In the event of an emergency, please notify the construction staff immediately.

Food and beverage:

- In lieu of using a common source of drinking water, each person must provide their own labeled and filled water bottle.
- No common source onsite food or water will be provided by Habitat.

Tools:

- Habitat has the necessary tools on site.
- Safety guidelines are followed. **If you do not feel comfortable doing a task, please let us know.**
- Sanitizing will occur after each volunteer shift.

Photos:

- Habitat staff may take photos of your build day.
- We encourage you to take photos and share them via social media, provided they do not interfere with your work or safety. Be sure to tag @HFHdouglasCoMN!

Thank you for volunteering!

Your time on site has impact in so many ways! You are building a stronger community, building a home where a family can grow and thrive, building relationships with other volunteers as we serve together, and building a sense of joy and accomplishment for your time. **Thank you for building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.**

*Additional safety precautions may be implemented as needed and will be communicated prior to groups arriving onsite.