

2024 Construction Volunteer Additional Information

No building skills are required! Most of our volunteers have never been involved with building a house and/or landscaping. All that's needed is your willingness to learn and to help in those ways which your physical stamina allows – and your desire to work with others to provide a home for a Habitat partner family. Due to safety regulations, those under the age of 16 are not permitted on site and those 16 and 17 years old must be accompanied by an adult guardian.

To volunteer: Visit the Habitat Table at Connections on Sundays after church, contact Mark Wickham directly or [sign up online here](#).

Before the workday, you will receive instructions from the FUMC AA Volunteer Coordinator on how to login to the Habitat website to complete a liability waiver. This needs to be completed only once a year.

You are encouraged to volunteer for more than one workday; however, if there are more volunteers than available openings, the FUMC AA Volunteer Coordinator will ask if you would be willing to give up a work date for a new congregant to participate.

What should I wear to the construction site? Wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes (**closed toed shoes are mandatory**), and clothing that you don't mind getting dirty! As work takes place both indoors and outdoors, come prepared for the weather. A bandana is also very helpful for wiping off sweat and grime.

What should I bring to the construction site? Should I bring tools? Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley will provide all the safety equipment, hand tools and power tools you will need. You may bring your own safety helmet, work gloves, tool belt and/or tools if you like, but be sure to label them with your name. It is best to remove all jewelry and pull loose hair back. Also, be sure to bring your own personal comfort items – sunscreen, a hat and layered clothing for weather changes. Please leave your valuables at home.

There will be water and toilet facilities available at the site, and lunch will be provided by the Lunch Crew.

The FUMC AA Volunteer Coordinator will contact you the week before the workday to confirm that you are still able to volunteer and with any new information you may need.

What do I do when I arrive on site? Volunteers must also fill out the Sign-In sheet located on the job site and make a nametag for themselves with a piece of masking tape. (Classy, huh?)

After volunteers have arrived and signed in, the Habitat for Humanity Site Leader will go over the required safety procedures and the jobs to be done for the day.

The following is a typical workday schedule:

8:30am – 9:00 Volunteer sign-in, mandatory safety instruction, and task assignments

9:00am – 11:30am Workday tasks

11:30am - 12:30pm Lunch

12:30pm - 3:00pm Workday tasks

3:00pm - 3:30pm Cleanup

If the weather or some other unforeseen circumstances should alter the schedule before arrival time on the site, you will be contacted of the change (but, I can only remember this happening once in 10 years!) On occasion, the workday may end before 3:30 pm.

Thank you for volunteering!