

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE



A Typical Workday

NOAHH is working on new construction, as well as repairing homes and rehabbing homes. New construction homes are at all stages of the construction process. We build houses from the ground up. Tasks on the construction site fluctuate depending on need, weather, etc. You will be assigned to a task every morning.

Our sites work from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Tuesdays-Saturdays). Please arrive at your work site at 7:45 a.m. to sign-in and turn in your waiver. There will be a short safety briefing after all volunteers have signed in. We do not require a formal orientation for volunteers but do require them to be present for the safety briefing. **Please keep your transportation nearby at this time, as you may be asked to work on a home within the surrounding neighborhood.**

Following the safety briefing, you will be assigned to a home/project. **This home/project may not be within walking distance of the meeting place for the safety briefing, but it will be in the same neighborhood, so please be prepared to possibly drive to a site nearby.**

Worksites

We currently have work sites in Orleans Parish. You will receive the address of your meeting site location at least one week prior to your date, by email. If you have requested a specific worksite, we will do our best to place you at that worksite. However, we have sites in various locations throughout the city that are also in need of volunteers. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Skills

You will be working with a Habitat for Humanity staff member throughout the day. If you have previous experience with a certain skill and would like to utilize it please inform your supervisor. However, this does not ensure that you will be doing this line of work. Also, please inform your supervisor if you have any physical limitations, safety concerns, or are uncomfortable in any situation. Throughout the day if you have any questions do not hesitate to ask one of the Habitat staff. We recognize many of our volunteers may have little or no construction experience, and we hope to make this a learning experience for everyone.



Dress

You are required to wear closed-toed, closed-heeled shoes (i.e. no sandals). As a reminder, please remember that your clothes will likely become dirty. The weather fluctuates frequently, so please stay informed of weather conditions. If it is sunny, you may wish to bring sunglasses and sunscreen with you; if it is rainy, you may wish to bring a rain jacket. You may also wish to bring insect repellent. Please ensure that clothing is not too tight or too short.



Tools

It is not necessary to bring any tools; however, if you wish to bring your own tools you are welcome to do so. Items that are especially useful include a tool belt, hammer, measuring tape, pencil, razor knife, cat/bear claw, etc. Please clearly label all tools.



In Case of Rain

If the weather forecasts rain for your volunteer date, please continue to report to the worksite in the morning. Often volunteers are assigned to indoor tasks or to assist with protecting buildings and/or tools from the rain. It is very rare that we cancel a work day; however, if this is the case we will do so on the work site that morning.

Lunch

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., we will break for lunch. **Lunch will not be provided for you.** You may bring your own lunch with you, have lunch catered for you, or choose to leave the site and eat lunch nearby. There is a list of [lunch](#) options available on our website.



Water

Please bring a refillable water bottle with you to the worksite. Water coolers are provided. Stay hydrated during the day!

Transportation

Volunteers are required to find their own transportation to and from the site. **Transportation will not be provided for you.** Volunteers often rent cars/vans or charter buses. **Again, please keep your transportation nearby at this time, as you may be asked to work on a home within the surrounding neighborhood.** For a list of discounts and contacts, please see the [Resource Guide](#) on our website.



NOAHH Waiver of Liability

Each volunteer must complete a waiver before volunteering. Copies are available on the [Volunteer Page](#) of our website. A parent/guardian must sign for minors. Please bring your waiver to the worksite.

