

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

How old do I have to be to volunteer?

Volunteers must be 16 years old or older. Volunteers under the age of 18 must bring a [youth waiver](#) signed by a parent, with them to the construction site on their scheduled build day. Minor volunteers may not operate power tools or work at heights above six feet. *Minor volunteers must be supervised by a parent or guardian while on the construction site.*

When can I volunteer for construction?

The construction sites are typically open to volunteers on Tuesday through Saturday from 8am to 2pm. We do not have a consistent schedule, so the best way to find construction volunteer opportunities is to visit our website calendar.

What if I have never done any construction before?

All skill levels are welcome! We assume no skills or prior construction experience. The construction supervisor will provide plenty of instruction and oversight throughout the day.

What kind of work will we do?

All sorts of work takes place on a Habitat construction site. Please be prepared to assist in whatever the day's tasks may be and remember that every job helps to build homes! If you have special skills, don't be shy! We are looking for Team Leaders with special skills. Please contact us if you are interested in participating in this way. Let construction staff know upon your arrival in case you can be of unique assistance. While tasks often include using power tools or working at heights, volunteers will not be expected to do any task that make them uncomfortable.

Should I bring anything?

We recommend bringing sunscreen, bug spray and a lunch or some snacks (unless lunch is provided by your volunteer group). If you have any personal tools you'd prefer to use over the ones we provide, feel free! For example: a hammer, tape measure, carpenter's pencil, work gloves, safety glasses, etc. We do ask that you do not bring any power tools from home, we have plenty on site for you to use. St Lucie Habitat will provide water, gloves, safety goggles and hard hats, plus any necessary tools to perform the tasks of the day.

What should I wear?

Closed toe/ heel shoes or boots are required. Volunteers who do not come to the site with the proper footwear will not be able to participate. Wear clothes that are appropriate for the weather

conditions and that you don't mind getting dirty or stained. We recommend wearing layers so that you can be comfortable throughout the day.

What is NOT allowed on site?

We strongly discourage you from bringing valuables, including jewelry, to our worksites. Personal power tools are not allowed. There is no smoking, drugs, or alcohol allowed on our work sites.

How do I sign up to volunteer?

Click the General Volunteer Application button or click [here](#) to sign up!

Volunteers must schedule their build days in advance. Because it's important to us that all our volunteers have a productive and rewarding experience, we only recruit the number of volunteers that we can safely and comfortably accommodate on each day. Therefore, volunteers must reserve a spot for themselves before their build day from our website calendar. When we have recruited the maximum number of volunteers that we can host on a particular day, we will no longer recruit additional volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering at the ReStore, please fill out our volunteer application [here](#).