



## CONSTRUCTION VOLUNTEER FAQs

**How long is the work day?** We ask that all volunteers arrive promptly at **8AM**. We will cover safety points, goals for the day, any housekeeping items, and will jump straight into training. We break for lunch around noon, and wrap up around 3PM.

**Where is the job site located?** The address is 43 Bordeaux Lane in Richmond, Vermont

- From I-89 South, take exit 11 towards Richmond. Turn right onto US 2, and turn right onto Bridge St at the Gulf station. Make another right onto Huntington Rd (.5miles) and bear right onto Hinesburg Rd. After 1.5 miles, keep straight onto East Hill Rd. Bear left onto Christmas Hill road (unpaved), and bear left again onto Bordeaux.
- From I-89 North, take exit 11 towards Richmond. Turn left onto US 2, and turn right at the Gulf station onto Bridge St. Make a right onto Huntington Rd and bear left onto Hinesburg Rd. After 1.5 miles, keep straight onto East Hill Rd. You'll then bear left onto Christmas Hill Rod (unpaved), and bear left again onto Bordeaux.

**Do I bring my own lunch and drinks?** We ask that everyone bring their own bag lunch and enough water for the day; our site currently does not have running water, and it is important to be prepared! We also recommend bringing a refillable water bottle to cut down on waste, and any snacks you may want/need. Volunteers are encouraged to eat lunch together on site. This is a great time to get to know our partner families (if on-site), staff, and other volunteers, and to learn a little bit about Habitat.

**What should I wear?** Please wear layers of clothing so you can work both indoors and outdoors, depending on the task. Wear closed toed shoes or work boots. Bring work or gardening gloves if you have them (if not, we have some at the site). Groups might want to consider wearing clothes or hats that have their logo on them which makes for great photo ops!

**What should I bring?** The most important thing to bring is a willingness to work hard and have fun! It's also a good idea to bring a hat and some sunscreen in the summer. We will have all of the tools necessary for the tasks at hand, however if you have your own tool belt and basic hand tools (hammer, measuring tape, utility knife, screwdrivers, etc.) you are welcome to bring them. Please make sure they are clearly marked with your name to avoid confusion. *Also, please bring your signed waiver with you to the job site.*

**Do I need to have construction experience?** If you have construction skills, please indicate your areas of expertise when you register to volunteer. We try to assign tasks according to skill level. But what you don't know, we can teach you. We'll make sure you feel comfortable with the task assigned.

**What will I be doing?** While subcontractors perform licensed work, such as electrical, mechanical and plumbing, volunteers are heavily involved in most other areas of construction. We try to take advantage of the various skills within a group and assign tasks according to skill. Projects will depend on the current phase of construction, and could include framing, sheathing, house wrap, siding, insulation, flooring, caulking, hanging windows, painting, landscaping, hauling materials, recycling, general clean up, etc.

**Is there an age requirement?** Volunteers need to be at least 18 years old to participate in all construction activities. 16 and 17 year olds can perform limited, safe construction activities. Those age 15 and younger can work with their families to provide lunches, drinks or snacks for volunteers or can help with other projects off site.