

Construction Tasks

Milwaukee Habitat builds houses from the group up.

No previous construction experience is necessary. We will provide you with the tools, safety gear, instruction and be with you the entire day.



Framing: This task involves building the wooden structure of the house and can take from 5-7 days. Depending on which framing day it is, volunteers may be building and raising interior and exterior walls, installing sub-floor between floors and helping with framing punch (wall bracing, supports, blocking, etc.). Tools used will include saws, hammers, drills and ladders. Ladders (both extension and A-frame) will be used for building 1 or 2-story homes. Framing days may also include installing windows.

Siding: This task involves measuring, cutting and installing vinyl siding using both extension and A-frame ladders on the exterior of a 1 or 2-story home. In addition to ladders you will use hammers, saws and snips.

Drywall: For this task you will be measuring, cutting and installing drywall on the interior ceilings and walls. Tools used would be screw guns, knife, benches and A-frame ladders.

Painting: This task involves painting 2 coats of the home's interior using both paint rollers and brushes. Benches and ladders will also be used.

Flooring: Prior to installing vinyl plank flooring, you will clean the sub-floor and install an underlayment. Tools include a belt sander, saws, staple gun, glue, trowels, knife and snips. No ladders but kneeling is involved.

Finishing Tasks: Finishing tasks may include installing bath and door hardware, caulking trim, Touch-up painting, installing window blinds, cleaning the house before closing and dozens of other tasks. You could be using hammers, paint brushes, caulk guns, drill, ladders, knives and benches.