

ALL HOMEOWNERS ARE REQUIRED TO DO SWEAT EQUITY

What is Sweat Equity? Sweat Equity means working on your house or on another house along with volunteers. (If you are physically unable to do manual labor, there is other work available.) Don't worry if you don't have building skills - there will be work you can do and you will learn to do new things.

There are other ways to fulfill the sweat equity hours as well. Doing work in the Habitat office, the ReStore, attending Habitat events, attending required workshops on how to budget and manage money and on home maintenance, delivering or posting Habitat Orientation flyers are examples.

How many hours of Sweat Equity are required? 200 hours are required if you are a single adult; 350 hours if there are two adult applicants. (200 hours = 25 work days)

May others help me fulfill my requirement? Friends and family may help you fulfill 20% of your required hours.

Why is Sweat Equity required? Sweat Equity gives the homeowner a real sense of ownership of her/his home and a sense of its value. It prepares you to be a homeowner and teaches you skills useful in home maintenance. Homeowners experience the partnership between Habitat, homeowners, and volunteers that is the heart of Habitat for Humanity.

When is the work done? Building is usually done Wednesdays to Saturdays, all day.

Questions to ask yourself:

- How much do I want a house? It will mean hard work and sacrifice.
- Do I have the time to fulfill the required work hours?
- What arrangements will I make for child care?

If you become a homeowner finalist, you will be asked to work as a volunteer on a Habitat house to find out what that commitment would be like if you were selected as the homeowner/partner.