

8 Families Achieve Homeownership and 2 Families Burn Mortgages

Delivering the Imaginable with Real Results: The Completion of our East Avenue Multi-Home Development

It was a beautiful day on June 16th when we celebrated the end of our East Avenue 8 home development project, a first for Habitat for Humanity of Summit County. Eight deserving families achieved their dreams of homeownership thanks to the many volunteers, sponsors, and donors who dedicated their time and money to build 8 homes during a worldwide pandemic. There were many obstacles that our affiliate overcame from raising 1.2 million dollars in funding, building the needed infrastructure that was missing from the site to working without a solid volunteer force during the pandemic. We have learned so much and grown so much that we look forward to the next multi-home community development Habitat can build.

"Let's do it again! That is my challenge. If we can provide more safe homes for deserving families in Akron, I am always going to be a willing partner." said Akron Mayor, Dan Horrigan at the East Avenue Block Party. Many board members and major sponsors spoke of appreciation for the community support that made this project possible. We were reminded by Dr. Brian Harte of Cleveland Clinic Akron General that this project was more than another home being built. "This is a project that truly impacts healthcare... What determines if a person or family is truly healthy has less to do with what medications they are on and more to do with if you have a secure job, whether or not you have transportation, if you have access to good healthy food, and whether or not you have housing, safe, secure, reliable housing."

These eight houses represent more than just eight houses. These are eight homes that provide health for eight families. These eight homes uplift the entire community. We are so thankful to all who supported this project that has truly made an impact on Akron, Ohio now and for generations to come.



What's Inside:

- See Where We Are Building
- Fun ReStore DIY Project
- Save the Date for our Upcoming Fundraising Events
- Tips on Preparing Your Home for Vacation
- Double Your Impact with a Donation Match Challenge
- Huge Independence Day ReStore Sale



East Avenue Build Project block party



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Thank You, East Avenue Volunteers
Over 500 volunteers dedicated over 8,400 hours working at our 8 home East Avenue build project over 2 years.



A Prayer for Generosity

Lord, thank you for all the generous donors and sponsors that support Habitat for Humanity of Summit County's work in our community. We pray that you bless us with all with generous and giving hearts to help those in need. Thank you for every blessing you give us. Let us never forget to help our neighbors and be kind to one another to share the love of Jesus with the world. Amen.



Signet Volunteer Group, Thank You!

Schedule Your Next Volunteer Day

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Tim's Tip



What to put down before planting flowers:

A combination compost including shredded leaves, grass clippings and or straw are good options as they break down quickly each season, and they add nutrients that plants take from the soil. Other alternatives: straw, salt hay, or weed-free hay.



Goodyear Hts.



Cascade Valley



Firestone Park



Ellet

MATERIALS

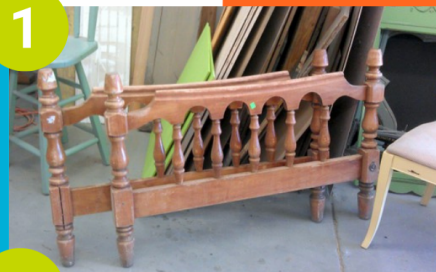
- ✓ headboard
- ✓ primer
- ✓ paint/paintbrushes
- ✓ hooks
- ✓ table saw
- ✓ sander
- ✓ glaze and topcoat

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building
materials!



DIY PROJECT: HEADBOARD HANGING RACK

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STEPS

1. First, start by sawing the legs off the headboard at the desired length. Then lightly sand the bottom.
2. Now it's time to paint! Next, paint the headboard with primer. For the rustic look, use your favorite paint color and then sand it. Continue the process until desired results. Then glaze headboard and add the topcoat. Wait for the paint to dry to continue to the next step.
3. Then, add the hooks. Do any touchups that are needed.
4. Now you're done! You just turned a headboard into a multipurpose rack. Perfect for outside items or indoor use!



More Details on this DIY Project

<https://www.milkpaint.com/2012/06/before-after-repurposed-headboards.html>

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Supporting Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

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Tips for Preparing Your Home for Vacation

After a very long year dealing with COVID 19, many people are beginning to look forward to taking a vacation. I recently spoke with a pilot who said that their flights are beginning to be much closer to full capacity, so many people must be ready to travel as well. I was unable to take a vacation last year, but am planning to take a family vacation this summer. I thought it may be helpful to do some research on ways to prepare our homes for taking a vacation since many of us, I am sure, are ready to go back to some kind of normalcy.

According to professional organizer, Laura Liest, there are some important tasks to complete prior to leaving. One task is to clean out the refrigerator. Throw away items that will go bad while you are gone. It would be helpful to also make sure the trash is picked up as close to leaving as possible.

It is also suggested that laundry be washed and put away prior to leaving. Also, change the linens so that you will have fresh sheets to come home to. It is also a good idea to tidy up the house. The job of unpacking suitcases and washing laundry from your trip will take up your time. You will be happy to return to a clean home.

Prior to leaving, hold your mail and put any papers on hold for the week or ask a trusted neighbor to collect them for you. To hold your mail, pick up a postcard at the post office, fill out the card, and return it to the post office. Notify your credit card company that you will be on vacation also. It is also important to plan for your pets and plants. Make sure you have arranged for someone to water your flowers and feed animals like fish that can be left at home. Be sure to leave your contact information and vet information with your pet sitter if you are leaving your dog or cat behind. Notify your neighbor that you will be gone so that they may keep an eye on your home. Park your car inside your garage.

An unoccupied home is an open invitation to burglars. It is a good idea to make your home look occupied. One way to do this is to place at least one light in your home on a timer. Leave other lights on in the home as well. Installing a motion-activated sensor on an outdoor floodlight would help deter



burglars as well. If you have a security service, notify them that you will be gone. Let your local police department know that you will be gone also. Often they will drive by the home if they know the resident is on vacation.

Nationwide insurance company suggests that appliances be unplugged while you will be away. It is also advised that the water valves to the dishwasher, washing machine, and all sinks be turned off. Reset your thermostat so that the temperature is closer to the outdoor temperature but will still protect your plants, pets, and furniture.

We all look forward to a chance to finally have some sort of normalcy in our lives. I look forward to putting these tips into action and allowing myself to relax and enjoy time away. I wish everyone a wonderful summer!

<https://www.nationwide.com/lc/resources/home/articles/preparing-your-home-for-vacation>

<https://www.cnet.com/home/smart-home/prep-home-before-you-leave-for-vacation/>

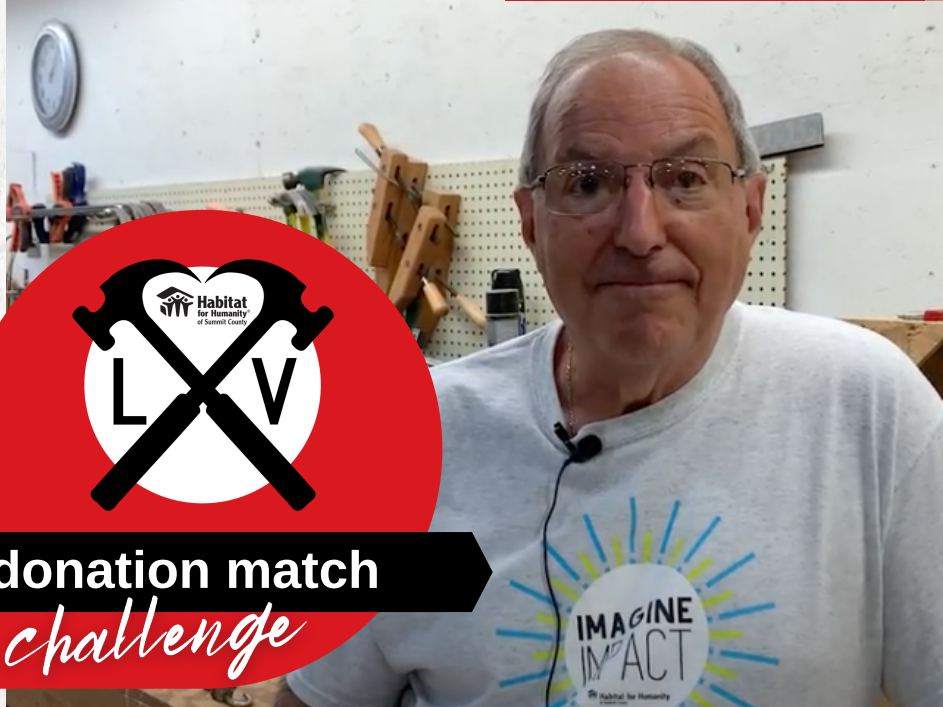
<https://www.hgtv.com/lifestyle/clean-and-organize/13-steps-to-prepare-your-home-for-vacation>

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