



Brush with Kindness

Exterior home revitalization services for qualified homeowners in need

Our Brush with Kindness Program helps lower-income homeowners who are affected by disability, age, or other factors that cause them to struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes. Habitat for Humanity Cape May (HFHCM) works to eliminate barriers to housing maintenance by focusing on exterior revitalization and repairs.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Proof or supporting documentation is needed for the following: all sources of income for all members of the household (last 3 months of bank statements/pay stubs or the prior year's tax return) **AND** proof of active homeownership (homeowners insurance declaration, the deed for the home, mortgage payment invoice, or a tax bill).

Your application is not complete until all needed documents are received by Habitat.

DO I QUALIFY?

- ☐ The applicant is the homeowner
- ☐ The home is in Cape May County
- ☐ The applicant is currently residing in the home
- ☐ The homeowner is not at risk of losing home to foreclosure
- ☐ All household members (**18+**) pass a background check, including the sex offender registry.
- ☐ I understand that HFHCM offers the following services (and others) at their discretion:
 - Yard clean-up (cleaning brush, overgrowth, trash removal)
 - Washing exterior siding, windows (1st floor only)
 - Small exterior painting projects (1st floor only)
 - Gutter cleaning/minor repair (1st floor only)
 - Pulling weeds, mulching landscaping
 - Minor repairs to exterior decking, fences, sheds, and entryway

Maximum Income Limits are as follows:

# of people living in household	Income Limit
1	\$57,520
2	\$65,760
3	\$74,000
4	\$82,160
5	\$88,800
6	\$92,360
7	\$101,920
8	\$108,480

What to expect after you submit your application:

- If your application is conditionally approved, a construction team member will visit your house and take measurements and pictures of the exterior to assess the project and determine what materials are needed for the project.
- You will receive notification from Habitat Cape May within 30 days of submitting an application to let you know if your application status is approved, denied, or if more information is needed.
- If it is approved, you will approve the work plan and have a full understanding of the scope of repairs/revitalization before any work begins.
- You will review and sign a partnership agreement with Habitat for Humanity Cape May that states the details of your project and our commitments to each other. The partnership agreement will include an agreed upon date to perform the repairs/revitalization.
- Habitat Cape May will conduct a criminal and sex offender record search for all adults in the house over the age of 18.

On the installation date:

- Please advise if there are PETS ON PREMISE – they should be contained during Habitat site visits for the safety of our volunteers conducting work on your property
- The homeowner *MUST* be present for the duration of the repairs/revitalization
- At Habitat for Humanity of Cape May County, we love celebrating our partner families' journeys. As part of our program, we may share your story through photos, videos, or local media to inspire others. If you have privacy or safety concerns, we'll work with you to find the best way to share your experience. For any questions or to discuss your preferences, please contact our Executive Director at executive.director@habitatcapemay.org.
- Once the work is complete, you will review and sign a Certificate of Completion and have the opportunity to participate in a short survey about your experience with the Brush with Kindness program and to share how the repair/revitalization was beneficial to you.