



But our involvement didn't stop there. In collaboration with the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and St. John's United Church of Christ, we took the opportunity to highlight the importance of improving housing stock and affordability on Madeline Island. By working together, we demonstrated how community partnerships can drive positive change, ensuring that everyone has access to safe, affordable housing.

Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity is deeply committed to serving our community, and we are grateful to all who participated in making "Rock the Island" a success. Together, we are building not just homes, but stronger, more resilient communities.

Building Community: Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity's Impact at 'Rock the Island'
In June, Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity proudly participated in the annual "Rock the Island" event, a vibrant community effort dedicated to enhancing the beauty and livability of Madeline Island. This year's focus was on two key locations: Joni's Beach and the newly established Dog Park.

Our dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly to build new benches at the Dog Park, creating a welcoming space for both residents and their furry friends. At Joni's Beach, we contributed to the planting of new trees, adding to the natural beauty of this cherished community spot.



A Special Thanks to Luther Park Bible Camp!
We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible team from Luther Park Bible Camp in Danbury. They spent an entire day at our ReStore, helping with landscaping, exterior cleaning, repairs, and donation processing. Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity thrives on the support of volunteers like you. Thank you for making a difference!





Hours:

**Wednesday - Saturday:
9am - 5pm**

**Sunday-Tuesday:
CLOSED**

**Phone:
(715) 635-4771**

Donation hours are by appointment. To schedule an appointment, please call the ReStore during business hours. We are unable to schedule pick-ups of donated items.



Office Hours:

**Monday- Friday:
8am-4pm**

Located At:

**1357 North River St.
Spooner, WI 54801**

Fall Maintenance: Prepare Your Home for Winter. As temperatures drop, it's crucial for homeowners and renters to prepare their properties for the fall season. According to Family Handyman, there are several important steps to take. Start by pruning your outdoor plants to encourage fuller growth come spring. Be sure to water your lawn to keep it healthy through the colder months. Winterize your lawn appliances by adding fuel stabilizers and fogging engines to maintain their efficiency. Clear out gutters to prevent water damage and inspect your roof for any damage or leaks before snow arrives. Store outdoor furniture to protect it from the elements and clean your grill to remove leftover food and grease, which can cause rust. Disconnect outdoor water sources to avoid frozen pipes and bring any potted plants inside to safeguard them from frost. Taking these steps now will help ensure your home stays cozy and in good condition throughout the winter.



Prepare Your Family for Fall Storms and Emergencies. As the seasons change, fall storms can bring unpredictable weather and potential disasters. It's important to ensure you and your family are prepared. Start by having a meeting with everyone in your household to discuss your plans for various emergency scenarios, such as fires, tornadoes, or blackouts.

Create a disaster survival kit that includes essential supplies like food, water, blankets, jackets, closed-toed shoes, flashlights, important documents, extra cash, garbage bags, and personal hygiene items. For a complete list of items to include, visit Habitat for Humanity's disaster supply kit guide. Being prepared can help ensure your family stays safe and well-equipped in the event of an emergency. <https://www.habitat.org/our-work/disaster-response/disaster-preparedness-homeowners/disaster-supply-kit>.

Stay Warm and Save: Simple Tips for Lowering Your Energy Bills This Fall

With colder temperatures come higher electricity bills, but you can manage costs with a few simple tips. According to House Logic, start by cleaning light bulbs and fixtures, which can boost your home's brightness by up to 30%. Use insulating shades at night to keep warm air in and cold air out. Adjust your ceiling fans to spin clockwise for distributing warm air and counterclockwise for cooling. Address drafty windows by using weather stripping, rope caulk, shrink film, clear nail polish, or foam draft snakes to improve insulation. To detect drafts, you can stand by windows and doors to feel for leaks with your hand or invest in a professional smoke pencil or a wizard stick – a science toy that produces fog – to locate drafts more precisely.

Taking these steps will help you stay warm and save on your energy bills this fall. As we transition into September, remember that preparation is key to making the most of this season. Whether it's readying your home for colder weather or planning for potential emergencies, staying proactive will help ensure a safe and comfortable fall.



Embrace Fall with Preparedness and Community Spirit

As we move deeper into the fall season, staying ahead with these home maintenance and energy-saving tips will not only keep your living space cozy and secure but also help you manage costs effectively. At Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity, we believe that taking small steps now can make a big difference in your comfort and peace of mind during the colder months. Let's embrace the season with preparedness and community spirit, ensuring our homes remain havens of warmth and safety.

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Upcoming Events



National Day of Service
2024

Wednesday Sept. 11th | [habitat.org](https://www.habitat.org)
Build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter.



The National Day of Service, observed on September 11, honors the heroes of 9/11 through acts of service. Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity is committed to building homes and supporting veterans and families in need. This year, join us in giving back by volunteering, donating, or helping out in your community. Together, we can make a lasting impact!

World Habitat Day, on October 7, raises awareness about the need for safe, affordable housing. Join Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity in making a difference by volunteering, donating, or spreading the word. Together, we can build stronger communities!



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Giving Tuesday
2024

Tuesday Dec. 3rd | [habitat.org](https://www.habitat.org)
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Giving Tuesday, a global day of generosity, is the perfect time to support Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity's mission to provide safe, affordable housing. Whether you donate or volunteer, your contribution helps build stronger communities. Let's make a difference together!

Support Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity through our Cars for Homes campaign! Donate your car, and when you designate us as the recipient, the proceeds will help build and repair homes for families in need. It's an easy way to make a big impact!



Cars for Homes
2024

Ongoing | [habitat.org/carsforhomes](https://www.habitat.org/carsforhomes)
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