

How The Adopt-A-Home Program Works

STEP 3 – GLOVES ON!

- **Spring:** Planting of low-maintenance, low watering items like hedges and perennials. Spread mulch. Maintain current plantings and weed as needed. *Planting guidelines will be provided.*
- **Summer:** Trimming, weeding, mowing (no planting). Special projects. Volunteers are encouraged to bring your own tools and safety equipment (gloves, masks, goggles, etc.) We can provide rakes, hand tools, hoses, etc.



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- **Fall: Leaf clean up.** Front yard or full yard, our homes have significant leaves. Please advise your rake date and we can provide leaf bags and post-event leaf disposal. Simply leave the bags on the curb or porch.
- **Holiday:** Visit before December 10th to add a decorative touch to your home.



Volunteer Adopt-A-Home Project Overview

STEP 4 – SCHEDULE

SCHEDULED DATES for 2021

These scheduled group dates include reminders and photo follow-ups. Groups may volunteer on their own schedule, but Rainbow Village must be notified and clear approvals of work to be done and any equipment needed.

- **Saturday, May 1, 2021** - Spring planting (*1st Saturday in May*)
- **Saturday, June 26, 2021** - Summer weeding (*Last Saturday in June*)
- **Saturday, November 20, 2021** - Fall raking (*4th Saturday of November*)
- **By December 10, 2021** - Holiday “spruce up”



The Legal Stuff

- We'll ask for a group leader to sign a volunteer waiver. We'll provide a project checklist with required leader signature on supplies needed and rules for resident interaction and property guidelines. If needed, we can provide the tools needed other than personal safety equipment (gloves, eye protection). We'll ask for a photo release and strongly encourage everyone to take pictures! We encourage volunteers, RBV staff and DSP caregivers to take and send pictures: A group picture, working picture and a before and after. We will notify residents and their caregivers when you will be visiting.
- We love for you to meet and interact with our residents. For their safety and to comply with all regulations, they may not join in the volunteer work effort. Please do not photograph our residents.
- Please bring your own work gloves and water, and know the nearest public restroom (volunteers are not able to access the inside of our residents' homes).



We Need You!

To Adopt-A-Home, call our offices at 314-567-1522 or enroll online at <https://www.rbvstl.org/get-involved/volunteer/>



Thank you for helping to support the foundational needs of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities(I/DD) by providing safe, affordable and well-maintained neighborhood homes.

OUR VISION: One day, all adults with developmental disabilities will live in homes of their choosing – regardless of income. All options will be safe, welcoming, timely, and connected within the community. The history books will close on institutions, isolation, substandard housing and placements in nursing homes as a last (or only) resort.