

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County
Quick Guide: Sheathing Exterior Walls

Tools	Materials
Hammer Pencil Tape measure Cats paw or flat bar Chalk line Utility knife Circular saw; saber saw	8d nails (for OSB) 1 1/2" cap nails (for foam sheathing) 1/2" OSB sheathing, 4'x8' or 4'x9' 1/2" foam sheathing ("blue board"), 4'x8'
Tips	
<p>After wall has been squared, attach OSB sheathing on each corner, surrounding doors, and every 12' along long walls; cover remainder of wall with foam sheathing. Overhang top plate 1 1/2" with sheathing. On outside corners, overhang OSB 4" on the wall that lacks a blocked-up corner. If necessary, cut the width of OSB or foam sheathing to break on the center of a stud. Nail OSB and foam sheathing every 8-12" along studs. After wall is erect and secure, cut out window and door openings with a utility knife (foam) or a saber saw (OSB).</p>	