

## **COTTAGE RULES and info**

1. Off limits/ Personal space – The brown shed, the upstairs bathroom closet on the left of the tub and the cupboard over the microwave- personal storage. The garage is completely off limits.
  
2. Garbage and Recycling- **DO NOT HAVE ANY FOOD GARBAGE OUTSIDE!**  
Bears have been seen when food has been disposed of outside. There are clear garbage bags under the sink. Keep a garbage under the sink designated for food only (You can put a large clear garbage bag in the utility cupboard for convenience or large food items). Place it in garbage can downstairs by the furnace-until you check out.  
**Renters are responsible for taking your garbage and recycling with you.** There is a landfill/recycling in town on your way out, directions are in the cottage manual-hours on fridge. Recycling is free but regular garbage bags are \$3 each and industrial size are \$5. The town is now requesting blue dump cards in order to take garbage-arrange with owners what day you will be going to allow time for us to acquire the card-will be on the fridge.
  
3. **SEPTIC TANK:** Due to having a septic tank there are some important considerations to keep in mind:
  - ❖ Nothing but human waste in the toilets
  - ❖ Only septic approved toilet paper can be used-Recycled tissue, rapid dissolve, 100% bamboo Read the label for approved use IE: Kirkland
  - ❖ Some extremely important items that should never be flushed in a septic system include:
    - Coffee grounds
    - Disposable diapers
    - Baby wipes-even biodegradable
    - Sanitary napkins or tampons
    - Kitty litter
    - Hair combings
    - Dental floss
    - Cigarette butts
    - Condoms
    - Fat grease or oil
    - Paper towels or bandages
    - Any chemicals ie: paint
  - ❖ Do not park on grass inside the driveway-Septic bed

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4. Fire burning- as you turn onto the 520 (and Midlothian Road) there is a sign to inform people of fire burning by-laws at that time-subject to change- When in doubt check the city of Burk's Falls or Ryerson Township web page.  
Bring your own wood-buy locally-roadside sellers, Home Hardware, Petro-Canada, etc.
5. Bedding/Paper products- We have sheets for all of the beds or if you choose, bring your own. **If you use ours we ask that you start laundry on check-out day**-soap provided (Our cleaners need cleaning and disinfecting time not doing multiple loads of sheets and towels). Please leave the remaining laundry in front of the washing machine-sheets, pillow cases, and towels only.  
The master is a king size and pullout bed in the rec room is queen size- sheets are under the master bed in a bin. The middle bedroom has twin bunk beds- sheets are in bin under the bed. The third bedroom has a twin and double bunk bed- sheets are under the bed in bin.  
Extra blankets are in closets and in the trunk downstairs.  
Towels available-bath, hand, and dish  
TP-we supply minimum 10 rolls. If you bring your own toilet paper please adhere to septic rules.
6. Enjoy the river! Take caution swimming as the current varies. Upon entering Burk's Falls (When you turn onto the 520), to your left you can see how fast the falls are moving-Man-operated dam.  
Life jackets (in storage shed-please put away dry)  
\*Children should wear personal flotation devices AT ALL TIMES in and around the river\*  
Use the river items- Canoe, kayaks, and the row boat. Blow up items, pool noodles and rope for tethers to the dock ladder are in the small shed at the side of the cottage.  
Respect the river and be environmentally conscious.
7. Damage- Anything that breaks during your stay just let us know. We will let you know if it would come off of your deposit.
8. Power outages- Please notify us. We are NOT responsible for acts of nature and therefore no refunds. Please message us for hydro updates.
9. No smoking in cottage or DAMAGE DEPOSIT WILL BE LOST- There are ashtrays in the front and back of the cottage.

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10. The number of people to stay upon booking/in rental agreement is what you paid for. If any additional people visit, you **MUST** notify cottage owners. Additional charges will apply.
11. **DOGS ONLY!** Dog run available for evening “let-outs”, otherwise dogs **must** be leashed, to ensure they remain on the property. Please keep dogs **off** of the furniture.  
We do not charge a pet fee therefore we expect all dog items must be addressed by owners- accidents are cleaned and use stain remover for smells, all dog feces picked up-poop scoops by the dog run on the deck and one downstairs by the door. We ask that any guests who bring a shedding dog to give the cottage a vacuum before you leave (in the front hall closet).
12. Heating (furnace)/Cooling (central air) - Use the thermostat in the hallway to the left of the pantry. We have many fans throughout the cottage including ceiling fans. If you use the AC- no colder than 24 degrees.  
If using the wood stove guests must read safety instructions-In the cottage manual. You must use hardwood only-we supply a full wood box of hardwood next to the stove.
13. Water- Regular tap water not for drinking as it is not potable. (Fine for showering and brushing teeth-filtered) We have a water cooler with a jug and there is usually water in the pantry with a pump on one and some we have filled with “well” water (we use it for drinking, boiling, etc.). Bottled water an asset.  
\*We have an R/O system for drinking water at the kitchen sink-small tap-25L capacity per day.
14. **All** internet usage is for necessity **ONLY**-email and banking-**NO** STREAMING  
Anything over TWO GB per day -fees of \$50 per day off damage deposit may apply.
15. Be environmentally conscious- **RESPECT**: the **neighbours** (noise volume, loose animals, etc.), **environment** (NO FIREWORKS, recycle, reduce waste, etc.), **wildlife** (no food outside, leave habitats and animals alone, etc), **cottage** (septic tank, electricity, etc.) and try to keep the carbon footprint to a minimum.  
\*NOTE: PLEASE LEAVE TURTLES ALONE!!! They mate in the spring and use the boat ramp as their path to and from the water. We call it “Turtle Highway”. We protect all species here.

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### **SEE CHECK-OUT RULES ON FRIDGE AND IN COTTAGE MANUAL.**

#### **Where to find things:**

Games/cards are in the end table and box beside couch and DVD's are in TV stands in living room and rec room.

Dish rack-under sink, far left on shelf, Dish soap- under sink, large clear garbage bags/kitchen garbage bags- under sink

Flashlights- on most hooks by doors but also in cupboard above big utility cupboard Headlamps-If the power does go out there are a couple of headlamps in the main hall closet Tools/Lighters/light bulbs etc.-Upper utility cupboard (closest to the hallway)

All basic kitchen amenities-Dishes, utensils, various sized bowls, cutting boards, pots and pans, veggie steamer, pizza cutter, sangria dispenser, Lemon/lime juicer, etc. - please explore the cupboards.

First Aid kit-in tall cupboard next to the microwave

Fire extinguisher to the right of the tall cupboard

#### **What's around the cottage?**

**Food/Beverage and Convenience:** Within 10 minute drive

Collins' Value Mart-24 Commercial Dr. Burk's Falls (Hwy 11 Ferguson Rd. exit)

Tim Hortons-27 Commercial Dr. Burk's Falls (Hwy 11 Ferguson Rd. exit)

LCBO-10 Commercial Dr. Burk's Falls (Hwy 11 Ferguson Rd. exit)

Kwik Way-170 Ontario St. Burk's Falls (Hwy 11 Ferguson Rd. exit)

Home Hardware-181 Ontario St. Burk's Falls (Hwy 11 Ferguson Rd. exit)

**Firewood:** **WOODSTOVE:** wood provided. Must be seasoned hard wood

**OUTSIDE FIREPIT:** Buy your own. As per Federal Law-Wood MUST be purchased locally- Value Mart or roadside local sellers -**DO NOT USE WOOD MEANT FOR THE WOOD STOVE**

**Watersport/Power toy service centre:** Snowmobiles, boats, ATV's, and small engine repair

[Stewarts Recreation:](#) 326 Ontario St. Burk's Falls 705-382-3331

**Veterinary Services:** Under a 30 minute drive

[Sundridge Veterinary Services](#)-25 Union St. Sundridge, ON 705-384-7366

Emergency-Muskoka Animal Hospital-96 Hanes Rd. Unit #2, Huntsville, ON 705-789-7979

#### **Entertainment and Activities**

[Screaming Heads](#)-925-1201 Midlothian Rd, Burk's Falls, ON

[Hidden Valley Highlands Ski Area and Muskoka Ski Club](#) Huntsville, ON

[Huntsville Downs Golf Course](#)182 Golf Course Rd, Huntsville, ON

[Almaguin Highlands Golf & Country Club](#) Katrine, ON

[Copperhead Distillery](#)-141 N Horn Lake Rd, Burk's Falls, ON

[RiverBowl](#)- 310 Ontario St, Burk's Falls, ON

**See cottage manual for additional items- some brochures available of various places in the area**

**Please** write in our "*White Cottage guest book*" (in the row boat shelf). We want to hear about any fun adventures or funny and interesting stories while staying at the cottage. We hope you **love** it as much as we do and will return again.

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