

Instructions & Information

Safety First

The Fireplace

The gas fireplace throws a little heat but it is mostly decorative. The outside of the glass takes quite a while to heat up but it could be too hot for little fingers. We also want to keep the thing working so please don't let the kids turn it on and off a thousand times. Thanks!

The loft

If you are traveling with children (or meatheads), please be sure they are careful along the loft railing. If you want to keep little ones from using those stairs (or the front stairs for that matter) we do have a couple of plastic gates around. Please contact us if you have trouble finding those. The gates are NOT meant for the tops of the staircases!!

Logistics

Parking

There should be plenty of room for cars both alongside the house and across the street on our side of the fence. If the plow comes while you are home you may want to move your cars so they can keep the snow cleared.

Garbage

The town does pick up garbage on Monday mornings. If the barrels are full upon arrival or there is garbage piled anywhere nearby the house it was an oversight and you should call Chris Conway for a garbage pickup (see support services for contact numbers) We don't currently have a recycling service but personally I am a crazy re-user and recycler. If you would like to separate your recycling let me know and I will pay to have someone bring it to the recycle center. THANK YOU.

Mechanicals

Heat

The furnace is probably a little big for this house and it can get pretty hot especially when there are lots of bodies. Personally, we keep in around 66 because the fan continues to run long after it reaches that temp and it actually ends up getting close to 70. It is very hot upstairs at night if you don't keep the thermostat at a reasonable temp. Please do not open windows upstairs but turn down the heat. Thanks.



Hot tub

Please see the hot tub rules/troubleshooting document for more specific information.

You need to get the cover back on IMMEDIATELY after you are out of the tub and be sure that is in on securely. Each time you use the tub you will lose some water and you may want to top it off. There is a hose under the staircase to the loft and a spicket outside. We fill it with cold water so do this early so it can re-heat before you're ready to go back in

PS. BRING SLIPPERS OR CROCS FOR GETTING OUT TO THE TUB

Phone/WIFI

The house does have a landline and we do provide free long distance. Comcast also provides the Internet service. The wireless router has been known to be a little inconsistent. If you are having trouble connecting you may want to shut it off for a minute or so and then turn it back on. That seems to work for us.

Music

There are NO good radio stations in VT....bring your IPOD.

TVs

Both of the televisions and DVDs down stairs are the same brand and have Comcast receivers. All the remotes work everything so you'll have to point them only to the TV you are trying to change. HD stations are in the 700s. The television in the loft does not have cable and is for watching DVDs only.

Hot Water

We have two hot water heaters and you should not be running out of hot water. In the off season, we do disconnect the electric water heater and use only the propane fired unit. If you are having an issue it may mean we forgot to reengage the electric and you should contact our handyman Chris Conway.

MISC & SUPPLIES

Linens & towels

All of the beds will be made upon your arrival and there will be a towel and face cloth provided for 18 guests. There will be sheet sets left out for the futons. If you would like a second towel for the hot tub please bring some with you. We also provide hand towels, bath mats and kitchen towels.

Please feel free to use the washer & dryer on the lower to wash your linens during your stay. If you need to grab a couple extra towels that's fine; but the clean towels that are stored on site are for the next guests and we can't turn the home over properly if folks dirty all the extra towels ☺ Same applies to the sheets.

There should be plenty of extra blankets and pillows around the house. There was a pile a new pillows in the downstairs closet that I never put out. If your pillow is awful grab a new one please!!

Supplies

At the beginning of the season we stock our home with basic cleaning and paper products. Our cleaning staff will be sure that there is some amount of toilet paper in each bathroom but certainly you will need more during your stay. Often folks buy some and leave the extra behind which is great and we appreciate that. We will not continue to replenish stock during the season. You should not run out of liquid hand soap or dish liquid but you may need more dishwasher detergent or laundry detergent. We always buy a ton of sponges and garbage bags but those seem to disappear quickly.

Although my staff will clean out the refrigerator after each stay we do not throw away everything. Personally, I have no problem using salad dressing or condiments that folks leave behind so I keep them. Please throw away anything that is in your way or you think may be spoiled or gross. The same goes for spices and baking goods. A couple times a year I go through the cabinets and pitch stuff so nothing should be too old. I often buy some cocoa and popcorn in the fall and leave it there for guests.

Although I can't promise what may be there when you arrive, there is usually....

Coffee and coffee filters, tea, sugar, salt & pepper, olive oil, syrup, Ziplocs, foil, plastic wrap. You may even find a couple of beers left behind but please don't tell that to the Ludlow police!

There are lots of DVDs and several board games, decks of cards, dice, etc. Please leave them behind for the next guests. There is a dartboard but no darts. You certainly can bring some if you trust your group with them.

Appliances/Cooking and Dining Supplies

The kitchen has all your basic appliances including a dishwasher. There is also a 4 slice toaster, coffee pot, coffee grinder and crock pot. There is a small bar fridge and blender behind the bar. There is a large assortment of pots & pans, dishes, glasses, coffee mugs, utensils, etc. There are baking dishes and plenty of serving dishes. (Larger bowls and platters are often stored in the little cabinet in the dining area. We do have a roasting pan last I heard (but apparently our iron is missing ??)

WE LOVE THIS HOUSE AND WE ARE ALWAYS WORKING TO KEEP IT UPDATED AND COMFORTABLE!

If you have any questions or need anything, please don't hesitate to ask!! We want you to have a great vacation.

If you notice something we've overlooked please let us know!