

## **COTTAGE RULES and information**

1. Off limits/ Personal space – The big grey shelter and the upstairs bathroom closet on the left of the tub- personal storage.
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 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**-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
  - ❖ 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
4. Fire burning- DO NOT USE WOOD STOVE WOOD FOR FIREPIT BURNING  
**Bring your own wood**-buy locally-roadside sellers, Home Hardware, Petro-Canada, etc.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.

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5. Bedding/Paper products-There are sheets for all of the beds or bring your own.  
**If you use our sheets and towels we ask that you start laundry on check-out day-** soap provided (Our cleaners need cleaning and disinfecting time, no time for multiple loads of sheets and towels). Please leave the remaining laundry in front of the washing machine-sheets, pillowcases, and towels only.  
The primary bedroom is a king size (sheets under bed), the middle bedroom has twin bunk beds- sheets under the bed. The third bedroom has a queen bed- sheets under the bed. Sofa bed in the rec room is full size (memory foam topper and sheets/pillows in bin in garage). Extra blankets are in closets and in the garage in a bin.  
Towels available-bath, hand, and dish.  
TP-we supply. If you bring your own toilet paper, please adhere to septic rules.
6. Enjoy the river! Take caution swimming as the current varies.  
Various sized life jackets (in storage shed-please put away dry)  
\*Children should wear personal flotation devices AT ALL TIMES in and around the river\* **Bring their own for proper fit.**  
Use the river items- 2 Canoes, 2 kayaks, youth kayak and pedal boat. Blow up items, pool noodles and rope for tethers to the dock are in the small shed.  
Respect the river and be environmentally conscious.  
**DO NOT STAND ON OR JUMP OFF OF DOCK STOOLS ON DOCK.**
7. Damage- Anything that breaks during your stay let us know. We will let you know if it would come off your deposit.
8. Power outages-Please message us for hydro updates.  
\*As of March 2022 we have an automatic generator-power will be restored a few minutes from outage. Limited items are powered ie: Fridge, microwave, water pump, etc.
9. No smoking in cottage or **DAMAGE DEPOSIT WILL BE LOST-** There are ashtrays in the front and back of the cottage.
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.

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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. There is no 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 on riverside by the patio door.  
We ask that any guests who bring a shedding dog to give the cottage a vacuum before you leave.
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. Regular tap water is filtered- drilled well- potable. R/O system available at the kitchen sink- small tap.
14. Internet usage: Not unlimited- please be mindful of excessive use.
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.) Please 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- “Turtle Highway”. We protect all species here.

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

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

Games/cards are in the third bedroom closet, puzzles in trunk downstairs, exercise and putting items in basket downstairs, & DVD's are in TV stands in the living room and rec room.

Large clear garbage bags/kitchen garbage bags- under sink

All stocked kitchen amenities-Dishes, utensils, various sized bowls, cutting boards, pots and pans, crock pot, instant pot, pizza stone/cutter, sangria dispenser, Lemon/lime juicer, French press, carafe coffee maker, Keurig, spices, oils, etc.- please explore the cupboards and drawers.

First Aid kit-in tall cupboard next to the microwave

Fire extinguishers-In the kitchen to the right of the tall cupboard and in the garage beside roll up door.

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

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

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

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

Petro-Canada- 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)

Burk's Falls Welcome Centre/ Pulled Pork Smokehouse(705) 382-0115 (Ryerson Cres)

The Pub- 198 Ontario St, Burk's Falls

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

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

**Watersport/Power toy service centre:** Snowmobiles, boats, ATVs, and small engine repair

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

[Almaguin Marine and Powersports](#): 146 Yonge St. Burk's Falls 705-382-0998

### **Veterinary Services:**

Emergency-Huron Veterinary Emergency Clinic- 391 Dunlop St W, Barrie, ON (705) 722-0377

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

Please write in the “*River Lea guest book*” (in the wooden duck). 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.

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