

House Rules

Clear communication is the cornerstone of good domestic and business relationships. We have entered into both. While many of these items will be second nature to guests, in the interest of clear communication...

1. **Entering & Exiting** - If possible, please remove your shoes upon entering the house. Ensure that both doors are locked whether entering or leaving.

2. **Please be gentle with this historic house** - Surfaces, furniture, operable devices, and fixtures in this house are generally not the modern, bullet-proof types you may be used to, and some require extra care in use. If something doesn't seem to be working properly please feel free to ask for instructions in use.
 - a. Do not move furniture (except for dining and desk chairs of course). Even the "sitting" chairs should stay put. I can explain why if you are curious.
 - b. Do not sleep on couches.
 - c. On the antique tub/shower make sure the inside shower curtain stays continuously INSIDE the tub.
 - d. If something doesn't seem to be working properly, chances are you are using it incorrectly. Please ask for instructions rather than breaking it.
 - e. Be conscious of unique doors, windows, and other operable parts - open and close them gently.
 - f. Tread gently on floors and stairs. Railings are for gentle guidance, not yanking and leaning on. No running.
 - g. Marble and wood surfaces are easily damaged by water, wet things (towels), hot or cold objects (such as cups or plates), etc. Keep wet things in bathrooms and kitchens, and use the many coasters provided.
 - h. If you think you will need a tablecloth, placemats, or other protective covers please don't hesitate to ask. This includes flooring protection if you have a heavy item that moves.

3. **Please be environmentally and resource conscious.**
 - a. Always turn off all lights when not occupying a room.
 - b. Do not leave water running.
 - c. Keep doors and windows to the outside closed when you are not on site, both for safety, and because Baltimore is known for its torrential rain storms in spring and summer. Any paint or wood damage due to a bit of rain getting in will be charged against the deposit.
 - d. When disposing of trash please separate mixed recyclables from non-recyclable putrescibles. Only put putrescibles in containers lined with trash bags. Recyclables can go in un-lined receptacles.

4. **Comfort** - In terms of temperature, humidity, or otherwise, if you are uncomfortable please don't hesitate to contact me, and we can attempt to find a solution. I have a complex climate control system in this large property.
5. **Access - Space** - If I have not shown you through a particular space or door upon check-in, then it is a portion of the property not meant for guests. Please refrain from exploring parts of the property not meant for your access. This includes the back courtyard, fire escape, garrett/roof, laundry room, basement, etc.
6. **Access - Storage** - Only the drawers, shelves, cabinets, etc. in the kitchen, bedrooms and full-bathrooms are for your use. Do not rummage through drawers or cabinets in the parlor, half-bath, or hallways. If there is something you can't find in the kitchens, bathrooms or otherwise, please ask me.
7. **Linens** - Please treat the linens considerately. Do not sit on, or lie on top of, comforters. Do not use towels, washcloths, etc. to remove make-up or other highly staining substances. If you need to clean up a major mess I have sacrificial rags for your use.
8. **Pollution** - Please remove shoes when/if possible. Do not put feet on tables, chairs, couches, etc. Noise pollution is endemic out there - please don't bring it in here. Refrain from eating in the bedrooms if possible.

Thank you,
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