

WAVECATCHER in times of COVID

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PLEASE WEAR A MASK

when you are out and about visiting other places. Your respectful business is truly appreciated in tourist-dependent coastal towns.

Also, in this moment it is the law in this county

IF YOU EXPERIENCE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 within two weeks before you arrive,

please stay home to protect our coastal communities.

We will negotiate the finances/scheduling of your stay.

ENTERING: Touch/tap the word "Schlage" at the top of the touchscreen on the electronic lock above the exterior handle. Enter your access code. Call us (541-740-9953 or 541-740-2846) if you cannot get in. We'll share Plan B.

PHONE: There is a rotary land line that should work regardless of any electricity/internet hassles. The number is 541-563-5805. To the best of our knowledge, cell phone coverage is best with AT&T. Updates appreciated.

WIFI/electronics: We have free WIFI. Login instructions are in the writing nook in the primary downstairs bedroom. **The new 42" **smart** TV** (in sleeping loft) is set up to also accept both DVDs and, believe or not, VHS tapes. Our library in the TV cabinet includes both (and/or bring your own). Netflix and Amazon Prime are provided for your convenience. Please use the **Guest account** (if it is available), or use your own account/s. We respectfully request that you not tie in your laptop unless you are certain your security protocols will not infect our local network. Bugs, bugs, bugs.....

CHANGE in BEACH ACCESS: Mama Ocean is brawny with new meltwater from continental ice sheets and with thermal expansion due to atmospheric warming. Rising sea levels coupled with intense winter storms will eventually eat the row of cottages & "McMansions" in our frontage strip, although hopefully not in our lifetime. However, we *have* lost about 8' of our fronting dune over the past month, and everyone in our row has lost their stairs. There is also no longer access by foot or vehicle at the south end of

the row, which also now ends in an 8' cliff. There *may* be access from Beachside State Park, about a 10 minute walk down 101 to the south, although the park itself is closed and you enter at your own risk. Everyone else in the row is now riprapped, including emergency jobs via permits granted in January when all three neighbors to the immediate south all lost their septic systems, which were incorrectly sited in front of their houses due to a county permitting error. Long story short, we hope to have our own beach access reinstated by April. Sadly, now we too must riprap, or lose the cottage probably a very good deal sooner rather than later. Stairs will be built into the riprap and should be a lot more permanent than the friendly wooden stairs of yesteryear. A railing is a necessary part of the plan. If this sounds tedious, full of red tape, and really expensive, it is. But at least we don't have to move our (correctly sited) septic system. Kudos to Mer for the excellent site planning back in the lost mists of time (1990) when it was initially installed. We'll try to keep the website updated with what we know when we know it about local beach access now that the winter storm season is coming to an end.

****LINENS:** Bed linens, towels, and kitchen and table linens are provided for the number of guests you've indicated. Spare linens are BAGGED for future guests. These are available for your use, as necessary. Once a bag is opened, the entire contents must be laundered before next occupancy, even if they are not used. Please NEVER reseal/replace a bag if you've opened it.

PLEASE put used plastic bags on top of the dryer. They will be disinfected and reused.

1. The beds you have indicated you will use will be made up with fresh sheets when you arrive.
2. Bath linens are on the beds you've indicated.
3. Ditto kitchen linens, in drawers in kitchen.
4. Spare, appropriately laundered linens are BAGGED for future guests. Please use these if you need them but remember: **ALL items in opened bags MUST be laundered**, whether you use them or not.

WATER: We use a Britta system (on counter or in fridge) because it tastes better. Put tap water into top, dispense from bottom. **Or just use tap water.**

TOYS, KITES, CARD, PUZZLES (etc.): Use any or all, but please put back when you are finished! Beach toys are in the closet under the stairs.

PETS:

1. Well-behaved pets are welcome.
2. CAUTION: Never leave your pet loose in the yard, as Highway 101 is very dangerous. We do not take responsibility for mishaps to your pets during your visit
3. If you use the lead attached to the deck, CHECK THE LEAD AS WELL AS THE CATCHES before you leave your animal unattended (salt has its way with everything here). Let us know if something has failed.
4. Beach etiquette is to at least have a leash in hand when you walk your dogs, and to clean up after them. We have not removed spare leashes, a dog cable and beach toys. (they are in the closet under the stairs - use them if you choose, and please return them if you use them. Safety is paramount.)
5. In the hopefully rare event of indoor accidents, use the treatments on the dryer in the back bedroom (usually "Nature's Miracle" and/or some rug cleaner). Cleaning rags are BAGGED above the washer. Use as many rags as you need; add them in a separate pile to the remaining load/s to be washed.

KITCHEN: Fully stocked, fluctuating stocks of coffee, teas, spices, dry goods. We are continuing our practice that everything there is fair game. We believe that contracting COVID from touching supplies is highly unlikely; if you disagree please don't use! If you use up basics (e.g. salt, olive oil, coffee), please replace. **Please take home all perishable leftovers!**

TRASH vs. RECYCLING: PLEASE use the recycling center (cabinet under the microwave) to sort your recycling. For us, this is a gratitude practice and respect for the planetary web that supports us. **All recycling must be clean and free of food or foulness.** If it's fouled, it's trash.

Here's how the recycling center is organized:

- a. Front bin of undercounter recycling center: Comingled recycling. During your stay, paper, newspaper, paper containers, cardboard, and metal and aluminum cans go in the FRONT bin. **The FRONT bin is the one you EMPTY INTO THE BLUE BIN OUT FRONT.** Please do NOT add glass or plastic bags/film to the front bin. It messes up the recycling stream.
- b. We will deal with all other bins, but please use this system:
 - i. Right bin: Rinsed glass. No glass co-mingled - it messes up the recycling stream. Take home or leave.
 - ii. Left bin. Clean plastic containers. We will deal with these.
 - iii. Back bin: Plastic bags. **No plastic bags/film in the front comingled bin** -- this is the biggest recycling problem.

ANTS: The coast is home territory to sugar ants, so PLEASE keep the counters wiped down and keep all food *especially sweets* in the fridge. Don't leave open dog food out for long periods of time. PLEASE let us know if there are ant problems during your visit (541-740-9953).

THE OVEN: To use the oven, first make sure that the knob all the way to the left on the control panel is turned to Manual. (Sometimes it gets moved, and the oven won't turn on.) Also, sometimes the oven door catches on the "oven cleaning" latch. It may require some fiddling: Hold the latch slightly toward you while closing oven door.

WOOD STOVE: If you want the ambience of a wood fire, start with both rods all the way IN (open draft). To damp down, pull back the righthand rod. To damp down further, pull back the bottom rod. The fire extinguisher is behind the stove to the right. An axe for wood chopping is in the closet under the stairs. Please only use the axe if you are comfortable with this technology, and chop in the yard - **not on the deck!** There is often a additional wood under the roadside deck, or you can buy some in town. Or bring some of your own to ensure you have some without shopping (small, high efficiency QuadraFire wood stove; for best results bring small split wood).

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what to do before you leave.....
Thanks for helping keep rates
for this housekeeping cottage affordable

GENERAL: Return any items that have been moved to their original locations

LAUNDRY: sheets, pillowcases, towels, washcloths, dish towels, table linens

1. **START ONE LOAD OF WASH** - towels and heavier items; bed and kitchen linens if/as there is room in a large load. Please follow posted COVID-approved laundry protocol with respect to laundry products and wash temperature
2. **BAG ALL OTHER LINENS** (USED AND everything in any other bags you have opened). LEAVE BAG in front of washer for housekeeping.
3. **DO NOT TRANSFER YOUR WASHED LOAD TO DRYER.**
Housekeeping will.

BATHROOM

1. Put out trash and replace trash bag (bags are under the sink)
2. Make sure there is adequate soap and toilet paper; use as needed but at end of stay please **DO NOT** replace, housekeeping will do so. If we are running low, please buy some and let us know. We will reimburse.
3. FLUSH!!
4. Make sure there is no water running

KITCHEN

1. ***Take home perishables*** (It's OK to leave frozen goods in freezer)
2. Clean-up any food spills inside and outside of fridge, in vegetable bins
3. Wash, dry, and put away dishes, pans, and utensils
4. Wipe counters, stove and sink
5. Wipe table and dry it
6. ***Put out kitchen and bathroom trash*** (in smaller grey trash bin out front)
7. **PUT OUT RECYCLING (except glass - we will deal with that)**

Hopefully you've been careful to sort recycling in advance (see FAQs). If so, just take out the one comingled bin (Not glass, plastic, or plastic bag bin) and dump (minus the plastic bag liner) in the BLUE recycling cart. If not...please do deal with it in some manner that only puts allowable co-mingled in the blue cart.

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VACUUM rugs (vacuum cleaner is in the closet beneath stairs)

SWEEP UP/return sand in kitchen and beach entry

Before you leave, OPEN all windows and run the venting fan in bathroom and also kitchen hood for at least one full cycle.

HEATING, LIGHTS, ETC

Turn all thermostats **OFF** **May-September**
down to **50 degrees Oct-April**

Turn off all lights. (Stairwell light inside does not turn off)

Turn off the living room fan

OUTDOORS

Please clean up after your pet!

BAGGED pet waste goes in **TRASH**

Bring in the plastic yard furniture.

Make sure the trash can and recycling cart are on their pad facing the common driveway for pickup

Take that last beach walk/photograph/moment of reflection

If you feel so moved, please use the guest book to say something about your stay. Other guests (including us) love reading these stories!

LOCK UP

1. Close and lock sliding ocean-side door and put the block of wood in the track.
2. Lock roadside door. Tug door toward you until it clicks shut. Tap the word "Schlage" at the top of the touchscreen on the electronic lock above the exterior handle. You should hear the deadbolt slide home.

IF YOU DEVELOP SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19
during your stay

you MUST inform us ASAP.

so that appropriate additional housekeeping is done.

(Won't we all be sooooo glad
when all these special precautions are no longer needed?!)

Thanks for making memories at Wavecatcher!