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Short Term Rental Good Neighbor Guide

Welcome to Onota Township. Please help protect our neighborhoods and natural surroundings by following this guide. Owners should review it with guests and post it clearly inside the rental, along with emergency and local contact information.

These guidelines supplement applicable laws, ordinances, and property rules. The quiet hours below are a courtesy recommendation; this guide does not establish additional ordinance requirements.

Respect Your Neighbors

- Keep noise low at all times. As a courtesy to neighbors, observe quiet hours from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- Avoid loud music, disruptive behavior, and noisy outdoor gatherings, especially during quiet hours.

Parking and Traffic

- Use the designated parking areas on the rental property. Do not block roads, driveways, or access to neighboring properties.
- Use road shoulders for parking only where permitted. Keep access clear for emergency vehicles.

Trash and Recycling

- Use the containers provided and keep lids secured against wildlife. Do not leave loose garbage outdoors or allow it to accumulate.
- Follow the owner’s instructions for recycling, collection days, or taking trash to an approved disposal location.

Septic Systems and Water Use

- Conserve water and follow the owner’s septic instructions. Space out showers and laundry to avoid overloading the system.
- Flush only human waste and toilet paper. Keep wipes, hygiene products, grease, and other waste out of drains and toilets.

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Pets

- Follow the rental's pet policy. Keep pets under control and prevent barking or other disturbances.
- Pick up pet waste promptly. Keep pets off neighboring property unless you have permission.
- Michigan dog leash law (MCL 287.262) makes it unlawful "for any owner to allow any dog, … to stray unless held properly in leash." The law provides an exception for working dogs accompanied by their owner or authorized agent while actively performing trained activities.

Fires and Fireworks

- Use only fire rings or pits authorized by the property owner. Check current fire restrictions and follow applicable rules before lighting a fire.
- Never leave a fire unattended, and extinguish it completely before leaving.
- Fireworks are discouraged out of consideration for neighbors, pets, and wildlife. Any use must comply with applicable laws, current restrictions, and the owner's rules.

Outdoor Activities and Recreational Vehicles

- Respect property boundaries. Use only trails and routes open to your activity; a public right-of-way does not automatically authorize recreational vehicle use.
- Operate off-road vehicles (ORVs) and snowmobiles on private property only with permission.
- Follow applicable state and local rules, including Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requirements.

Emergency and Local Contact Information

- For a fire, medical emergency, or immediate danger, call 911. Give the rental's street address and follow the dispatcher's instructions.
- Owners should post the property address, emergency instructions, evacuation map, and the local contact person's name and telephone number in a conspicuous location.
- The designated local contact must be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, have authority to resolve property issues, and be able to respond physically within 45 to 60 minutes. For nonemergency property concerns, contact that person.

Thank you for helping keep Onota Township safe, clean, and welcoming for residents and visitors.