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- When washing dishes, clothes, your pet or yourself, please wash at least 50 m (approx. 170 ft) upland from the shore.
- Use phosphate free soaps and shampoos.
- Use safe cleaning products:
 - ✓ baking soda
 - ✓ vinegar
 - ✓ pure liquid soap
 - ✓ vegetable oil
 - ✓ washing soda
 - ✓ green scrubbie
 - ✓ stiff brush
 - ✓ steel wool
- Never move animals from one shore, beach, or tidal zone to another.
- If possible take only pictures. Fill in holes that you dig; if you pick up a rock, please put it back the way you found it so the creatures living on its underside aren't exposed to the sun and air.
- Handle the wonders of the seashore with care.
- Leave seaweed and empty shells where they lie.
- When accessing the water for swimming or boating in summer, skating or tobogganing in winter, avoid going straight down the bank and causing erosion.
- Please refrain from playing paintball– use only in an approved facility.



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along the shorelines of Canada*



Green Guest Guide

For Cottage Guests & Tenants
of Shoreline and Streamside
Properties

Keep this checklist handy!

Welcome to our home/cottage!

This guide will help you enjoy your stay and protect our environment at the same time, so that you will be able to return again and find it as you do today!

Thank you.

SEPTIC MAINTENANCE

- Minimize amount of water going into our tank.
- Follow the "yellow is mellow, brown goes down" rule.
- Avoid doing several loads of laundry in one day.
- There is no need to use septic additives.
- If available please keep basket strainers in the sinks- they help protect our system!
- Please follow the "biffy notice" posted in bathroom.



CAMPING and CAMPFIRES

- Always use caution! Keep your fires small, and attended. Keep a pail of water near the fire and make sure the fire is properly extinguished when you are finished with it.
- Never burn toxic materials including garbage, plastic, rubber, oil, shingles, and treated wood



CHILDREN

- Please don't let children dam streams, disturb bottom muds or gravels, collapse shoreline banks, destroy vegetation or harass fish and wildlife.
- Take extra care on shorelines in wet weather when ground is easily trampled and soil compacted.



BOATING

- Use PFD's at all times and have paddles and other safety equipment on hand.
 - Please make sure your engine has been serviced recently and inspect fuel line, clamps and filters.
 - Fuel up away from water if your tanks are detachable. Use rags and "green bin" to clean up any spills or leaks.
 - Use bilge pillows or absorbent pads to soak up oil, fuel, or antifreeze spilled into bilges.
 - Drive at "no-wake" speed near shore.
 - Clean your boat away from shore and use non-toxic cleaners.
 - Remove any plants or animals that may be clinging to the hull, trailer, motor, or hiding in the bilge.
- If relevant:
- Reduce grey water release - minimize showers and dish cleaning.
 - Never discharge black water.



WILDLIFE/ PETS

- Animals are attracted to strong odours and smells. Please remove garbage frequently.
- Please keep your pets on leashes and dispose of their waste in the garbage.
- Please stay away from any sensitive areas (such as areas with new plant growth or wildlife nesting areas) and observe wildlife from a safe distance.
- Remember the 3 L's– **Look, Learn and Leave them alone!** Please leave plants and wildlife in their natural habitat, and give wildlife space.



FISHING

- Obtain necessary fishing licence(s).
- Please use lead free fishing sinkers and jigs, and watch your lines and lures.
- Be very careful using bait such as worms which can allow hitchhikers, like non-native seeds, to get into the water.
- Dispose of bait containers in the garbage.
- Please bury fish guts or other biodegradable waste at least 150 m (approx. 500 ft) upland from the shore, instead of disposing waste into the water. In winter, dispose of fish remains by freezing them and carrying them to the garbage.
- Check with the Shellfish infoline (604) 666-2828 if you plan to harvest shellfish.



SEASONAL

- For icy surfaces, use inexpensive sand, grit (such as limestone), sawdust or cinders.
- Please stay off thin ice – for safety, and to prevent petroleum products and battery acid from contaminating water.



ATV'S/DIRT BIKES

- Please keep out of all water bodies and away from sensitive beaches and shorelines.