

Welcome!

Shelter Island is renown for its beautiful beaches, ideal waters for fishing and boating, pastoral scenery, and friendly community. We are pleased that you have chosen to spend your vacation on our Island.

Like many of our visitors, you have decided to rent a house for your vacation experience. There are many special benefits to doing that. Perhaps the greatest benefit is the pleasure of residing in one of our residential neighborhoods. You will be among many permanent residents who value the look and feel of a quiet and safe place to live. They, and the Town of Shelter Island, will look to you for your help in preserving that special sense of peace and quiet. In short, being a vacation renter also means being a good neighbor.

This brochure is intended to highlight a few ways you can be a good neighbor.

Please keep in mind that you may be cited or fined by the Town or even evicted by the owner for creating a disturbance or for violating other provisions of the Town Code.



How Many is Too Many?

Vacation rental occupancy shall not exceed two (2) persons per conventional bedroom, as set forth in the Town Code.

Nonresident Beach Parking Permits

Beach parking permits cannot be purchased at the beach. Nonresident beach parking permits can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office. Contact the Town Clerk's Office for more information, www.shelterislandtown.us or call 631-749-1166. Vehicles without a valid permit will be fined \$100.

Open Burning

Small fires used for cooking and campfires is allowed, provided only charcoal or untreated wood is used as fuel. Fires must be personally supervised and constantly attended until extinguished. The burning of or on wetlands is not permitted

RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGED BY TENANT:

DATE: _____

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Good Neighbor Brochure for Vacation Renters



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Noise

Please do not create noise or disturbances or engage in disorderly conduct. Consider how you would want your neighbors to behave in your own neighborhood. Your Shelter Island neighbors will expect the same while you are here. A little consideration goes a long way.

Keep in mind that amplified music should be within reasonable decibel levels and should not be played at night.

A call from the neighbors to the Police Department will bring the Police to your door. Please keep the noise down. Our officers can issue you a citation if you violate the Town's noise code.

Dogs

Shelter Island loves dogs. Please be considerate. Keep your dog on leash and pick up after your dog. Barking dogs in vacation rental homes often result in neighbor complaints, and it is a violation of Town Code. Pets are not allowed on beaches from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Water Conservation

Water is our most precious resource. All of Shelter Island's water comes from rainfall, and the water you are using comes from the fragile aquifer located beneath the home you are renting.

It is common during the dry, summer months to have water restrictions. Please be thoughtful when using water. Long showers and wasteful washing practices will strain the water supply for that home and your neighbors.

Even if the home you are renting is in an area that uses a public water system (West Neck Water System, the Heights, or the Village of Dering Harbor), the water you are drawing comes from community wells and the aquifer. We ask that you use thoughtful consumption regardless where your rental home is located.

The only wastewater treatment plant on the Island is located in Shelter Island Heights, so your rental home is probably on a septic system. Do not dispose pharmaceuticals or chemicals into the septic system. Use detergents sparingly, and do not flush heavy paper towels, wipes, or sanitary products.

Trash and Refuse

The home you are renting may have a weekly waste hauler service. Check with the home owner if this is available. If it is, trash and refuse should be stored in proper containers. Containers should be left near the house and not at the roadside.

If the home you are renting does not have a waste hauler service, trash must be taken to the Town's Recycling Center. Town bags are available in 3 sizes and may be purchased at various local merchants, Town Hall, and the Recycling Center. The Recycling Center is located at 34 N Menantic Rd, Scale House: 631-749-2033.

Driving and Parking

All our roads are neighborhood roads where our children play and we enjoy walking and biking. Please drive cautiously and within the speed limit. Please be mindful where you park. Park as instructed by the rental owner. Do not block anyone's driveway or the public road.

Bicycling and Walking

Shelter Island is a wonderful place for bicycling and walking. Please use common sense and road etiquette.

Never ride your bike against traffic. Stay as near to the right side of the roadway as practical. Follow the rules of the road; stop signs mean stop for bicyclists too. Ride single-file, and do not ride bicycles side-by-side.

Walkers should walk against the traffic and stay to the side of the road or off the road when possible.

Most importantly, bicyclists and walkers must stay alert for oncoming vehicles. We love seeing families enjoy our roads, but please do it safely. Many of our roads are narrow and have blind corners and hills. Following these simple and smart rules will keep you and your family safe.

Deer and Ticks

Our deer population is beautiful, but be aware that deer harbor ticks, and ticks can spread disease. Not all ticks can cause disease, and not all tick bites will make you sick, but if you stay smart, you'll stay safe. Visit the NYS Dept. of Health at www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/lyme for precautions and tips to stay tick-free.

Also, stay alert and watch for deer when driving our roads, especially at dusk, during the night, and early morning when the deer are most active.

