

A Message to Lake Property Owners

From Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association



Perhaps you have rented your cabin or home to tourists, or may decide to do so in the future. To help ensure a safe and positive rental experience for yourself and your guests, to help protect our precious water resources, and to help you stay in compliance, we offer this practical advice.

Under Oneida County regulations:

1. Rentals by the day are not allowed; the minimum term is one week (there are some exceptions).
2. You must have a Lodging Establishment Health Inspection performed by the county Health Department and obtain a tourist rooming house license.
3. In zoned townships, an administrative review permit from the county Planning and Zoning Department is required.
4. The health department must inspect and certify your septic system.
5. There are occupancy limits based upon number of bedrooms, the septic system size, and cubic feet of air space
6. A qualified person must perform a fire safety inspection; safety equipment such as smoke and carbon monoxide detectors must be in place.
7. You must obtain a Wisconsin Department of Revenue Sales Tax Number (seller's permit) and, if applicable, a room tax permit from your municipality.
8. It is strongly advisable to carry adequate personal injury and property damage insurance.
9. A resident agent must be available to deal with issues or complaints; the agent's contact information must be prominently posted.
10. Adequate parking must be available; spaces may be limited based on the number of bedrooms.
11. Sealable trash and recycling containers must be available to renters.
12. Local noise ordinances must be observed.



Your lake association might have other useful materials and advice that relate to your lake specifically. Please join and support your association if you have not already done so.

We offer this advice in keeping with OCLRA's Mission: To protect and preserve Oneida County's inland waters through education, collaboration and advocacy.

For more information about renting your property, please contact the Oneida County Planning and Zoning office at: www.co.oneida.wi.us/departments/pz/

A MESSAGE TO OUR VALUED GUESTS

*Thank you for visiting our lakeside retreat.
As you enjoy your stay, we ask that you show due respect
for this property, the lake, and our neighbors.*

PLEASE:

- Be considerate of neighbors' desire for peace and quiet, especially in the early and late hours.
- Before launching a boat, inspect for and remove any plants, weeds or other "aquatic hitchhikers" – it's the law!
- Consider launching your water vehicles at a launch staffed by CB/CW inspectors.
- When boating, obey state safety rules, observe no-wake areas, and be courteous to anglers, paddlers, and others. Minimize wakes near shore to prevent erosion.
- Place trash and recyclables in the containers provided, and keep the lids secured.
- Keep pets on a leash; pick up their waste to keep the grounds and the lake clean.
- Park vehicles and trailers only in designated areas.
- Confine campfires to the rings provided; handle fuel and other combustibles with care.
- To help share the beauty of the night sky, keep outdoor lights off when not needed.

*Above all, remember that the lake belongs to everyone.
Respect it as if it were your own.*