



## GOOD NEIGHBOR GUIDELINES

### A Guide for Renters

Welcome to Alabaster Township, we hope you enjoy our beautiful community. During your visit, please remember that the Vacation Rental home where you are staying is close to other residential homes. Not everyone in the neighborhood is on vacation. To insure a quiet and peaceful enjoyment of the neighborhood, we have established a "Good Neighbor Guidelines." Please respect our residents by following these guidelines.

**Noise:** Be considerate and respect your neighbor's right to the quiet enjoyment of their home and property especially after 11:00pm. Quiet hours are from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Noise curfew violations may result in a fine.

**Fireworks:** The use of Fireworks is regulated by the State of Michigan. A DNR Burning Ban may prohibit the use of fireworks. For Burning Ban contact information is provided in the next item.

**Fires and Smoke:** The burning of logs and charcoal is permitted for the preparation of food and for other recreation unless the Michigan DNR has issued a burning ban because of dangerous conditions. Please be aware of where the smoke from your fire will blow and avoid creating a problem for your neighbors. For Burning Ban information call 866-922-BURN or visit <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/managig-resources/forestry/fire/burn-permit>.

**Parking:** Parking is limited to your vacation home's off-street parking availability. Please do not park on the side of the road. Contact your rental agent for complete requirements.

**Pets:** All pets are required to be on leashes whenever they are in un-fenced areas or on public streets. When walking your dog please pick up and dispose of their waste properly. Please do not allow your pets to trespass on neighboring property. Pets should not be allowed to make loud and frequent noise that will disturb the neighbors.

**Watercraft:** Powered Watercraft at the rental dwelling must be stored on a trailer or boat hoist overnight. If you are unfamiliar with the Great Lakes, then you may be unaware how quickly and ferociously a storm can appear, Storms often raise water level and storm waves can wash far above the quiet-water's edge. It is unsafe and unacceptable to store any unattended Watercraft tied to a dock or anchor, or pulled up on the beach, for any lengthy period of time. Easily portable Watercraft, such as kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, small sailboats, etc. are best stored well-above possible wave encroachment, preferably above the seawall, if one is present.

**Events and Occupancy:** Large events such as family reunions and weddings can have a negative impact on residential neighborhoods due to parking and noise. Please consider the neighbors in planning these events.

**Easements:** An easement provides access to the lake by way of a road, walk-way, or across the property of someone else. The easements in Alabaster Township provide for crossing the property to get into the water but not for sitting, sunbathing or staying on the easement.

**Septic System Notes:** Homes in Alabaster Township rely on septic tanks and drain field, not a sewer system with a municipal treatment plant. Septic Systems process waste slower than a sewerage treatment plant. Listed below are some tips on managing the system.

**Flushing:** Avoid flushing any solid wastes into the septic system. These include diapers, cigarette butts, coffee grounds, tampons, condoms, those "supposedly" flushable wipes and grease. This can prevent a plumbing blockage and possible backup.

**Timing:** Stagger Showers: Reduce the amount of water entering the septic system by asking some guests to shower or bathe in the morning, and some at night and taking shorter showers or baths.

**Prepare Food Ahead:** Prepping food ahead of time will reduce the amount of water that enters your system while it is under heavy usage by guests.

**Failure to Comply:** Failure to comply with the Good Neighbor Guideline may result in neighborhood property owners or residents notifying local law enforcement. This may result in a fine for the renter and/or owner.