



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
CONSERVATION & FORESTRY

For Short-term Renters



Be A Good Neighbor

Though it may feel remote, your short-term rental is likely located near other homes. Please respect your neighbors and follow Maine State Laws and regulations. You are responsible and liable for any disturbances, and your host may notify rental platforms of your conduct while at their property. Some things to be aware of are explained below.

Fishing and Boating: Be sure to follow all state and local [fishing](#) and [boating](#) regulations.



Be sure to clean aquatic plants and organisms from your boats and vehicles! Under State law ([M.R.S. Title 38 §419-C](#)), failure to remove aquatic plant parts from vehicles, watercraft, trailers, or other equipment on a public road is a crime.

Fishing and Boating Laws



Hunting Laws



Campfire Permits



Fireworks Information



Hunting and Trapping: Be sure to follow all state and local [hunting](#) and [trapping](#) regulations.



Campfires: Leave firewood at home and [buy it where you burn it](#)! Be sure to apply for the [proper permits](#) and check that campfires are allowed at the rental. Visit the [Maine Forest Service Forest Protection webpage](#) for fire safety information.



Fireworks: Certain fireworks are legal in the State of Maine, but be sure to check State law ([M.R.S. Title 8 §§221-A-237](#)) and any local rules if you plan to use fireworks. Towns and plantations have the authority to create rules prohibiting or limiting the use of fireworks. In areas without local rules, Maine state statute applies. Visit the [Office of the State Fire Marshal Fireworks webpage](#) for information on safe and legal use of fireworks.





Snowmobile



ATV and Snowmobile Use: Most of the extensive snowmobile and ATV trail networks located throughout Maine are on private land and maintained by local clubs. Be sure to respect their wishes and their land. Before you ride, familiarize yourself with the laws on ATV use ([M.R.S. Title 12 §13157-A](#)) and snowmobile use ([M.R.S. Title 12 §13106-A](#)).



Occupancy: Most rentals use on-site septic systems. Overuse can cause system failure and contamination of land and water. Stick to the occupancy limit on the rental listing for the safety of the community and the environment.



Parking: It is illegal to park in a way that blocks vehicle access on roads and driveways ([M.R.S. Title 17 §3853-C](#)). Allowing passage for vehicles, including emergency vehicles, is for everyone's safety.



Noise: Loud, unreasonable noise and other disorderly conduct is a Class E offense in the Maine criminal code ([M.R.S. Title 17-A §501-A](#)).



Pets: Pets are not allowed to be on private property without permission or to be unattended on any public road. Pet owners receive one warning from law enforcement ([M.R.S. Title 7 §4041](#)). If pets are allowed at your short-term rental, be sure to keep them off neighboring property, keep them leashed when necessary, and clean up pet waste.



Discharge of Firearms: Firearms or archery equipment may not be discharged over or within 10 feet of a public paved way, within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without permission of the owner or occupants, or within 300 feet of a state boat ramp. Projectiles should not pass within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling. ([M.R.S. Title 12 §11208- §11209-A](#)).



Environment: Extensive use of rental properties can cause environmental degradation and negatively affect plants and wildlife in the area. Adhere to the best practices of "leave no trace" (for example: pick up litter, prevent unnecessary noise, leave what you find, don't transport invasive species, and don't degrade trails). [Buy firewood where you burn it!](#)

Supplemental Information

- ✓ Review *Maine Revised Statutes (M.R.S.)*. Choose the title of interest, then choose the section (§) of interest:

<https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/>



- ✓ Learn how to leave no trace when visiting Maine's great outdoors:

<https://lnt.org/why/7-principles/>



- ✓ Learn how noise affects wildlife and biodiversity:

https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/effects_wildlife.htm



- ✓ Learn about invasive plants:

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/features/invasive_plants/invasives.htm



- ✓ Do **NOT** transport firewood into the State of Maine:

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/invasive_threats/firewood_out_of_state_ban_order.html

