

Good Neighbour Guidelines

On the Road:

- ⊗ Do not speed. The speed limit is 40 KM/hr. Please ask your guests and contractors to abide.
- ⊗ Be courteous; slow down if you are passing people on the road.
- ⊗ Keep the road clean. Do not litter. Ask your contractors not to throw their garbage along the road.

In the Park:

- ⊗ Do not drive motorized vehicles (such as ATVs and dirt bikes) on the grass at the tennis courts or on the ball diamonds. Please respect the Indian Point Provincial Park rules with regards to motorized vehicles.
- ⊗ Bikes or skateboards are not allowed on the tennis courts.
- ⊗ If you bring something into the park, please remove it when you leave. Do not litter.

On the Water:

- ⊗ It is illegal to exceed 10 KM/hr within 30 metres of the shoreline. Keep away from the shoreline.
- ⊗ Watch for people swimming. Keep motorized watercraft away from people in the water.
- ⊗ When swimming, make sure boaters can see you. If you are swimming away from shore, have someone accompany you in a canoe or kayak.
- ⊗ Ensure your swim raft is within 30 metres from the shore and that it is clearly marked with reflectors.

Fires, Fireworks, Celebrations:

- ⊗ Check for local fire hazard warnings before having a campfire or bonfire. The maximum size of a fire *without* a permit is 60cm (approx. 24 inches). Larger fires require a permit. COKL guidelines on fires and fire bans can be found at: <https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/bum-bans-permits-and-by-laws.aspx>
- ⊗ Campfires or bonfires must be 15m (approx. 50 feet) away from all buildings and 5m (approx. 16 feet) from trees and brush. Keep a hose nearby. Ensure the fire is completely out before you leave/go to bed.
- ⊗ If you are planning a big fireworks display consider informing your neighbours.
- ⊗ Noise and music carries over the water. Wind down outdoor celebrations by 11:00 pm.

Garbage:

- ⊗ Ensure that your garbage is secure in an animal-proof garbage bin.
- ⊗ Wash food containers left out for recycling to deter animals.
- ⊗ Do not use your neighbour's garbage bin if you have too much garbage – purchase an extra garbage tag or take it home and dispose of it there.
- ⊗ If an animal has gotten into your garbage and there is a mess on the road or in the park, clean it up.
- ⊗ Purchase large item tags for junk or large items that you are disposing of.
- ⊗ Do not dump anything in the provincial park (including leaves, brush, fallen or cut branches and other yard waste).

Outside Work at the Cottage:

- ⊗ Ask your contractors to abide by the speed limit and to be mindful of others on the road, especially pedestrians.
- ⊗ Ensure that noisy work does not happen before 8:00 am or late into the evening (this includes chainsaws, leaf blowers or similar equipment). Residential construction noise should cease by 5:00 pm.
- ⊗ As a courtesy, inform your neighbours of large work projects you are having done.

Renting Out the Cottage:

- ⊗ Be mindful of your neighbours when you plan to rent out your cottage.
- ⊗ Consider creating a Renters' Guide that includes our Guidelines, applicable By-Laws and emergency contact information.
- ⊗ Provide your neighbours with a contact number where you can be reached should things get out of hand at your cottage.

Wildlife:

- ⊗ Do not feed wildlife. They are not pets and can quickly become a nuisance and can be dangerous. Feeding the deer leads to higher winter mortality rates and brings in natural predators such as wolves.