



Essential items

for any vacation rental

When travelers decide to stay in a vacation home, they have different expectations than they would if they were staying in a hotel. Make sure they have everything they need to feel at home in your property by including these items.



Kitchen

It may seem obvious, but your guests rent your vacation home so they can live like they're at home. That means having everything they need to make a home cooked dinner, a microwave for popping some popcorn, and a dishwasher – because no one wants to wash dishes on vacation!

Appliances

- Refrigerator & freezer
- Dishwasher
- Oven with stovetop burners
- Microwave
- Coffee pot/coffee maker
- Toaster
- Blender

Dinnerware

Make sure you have enough for the number of people your property sleeps!

- Plates (small and large)
- Bowls
- Flatware (forks, spoons and knives)
- Steak knives
- Water glasses
- Coffee cups
- Wine glasses
- Large serving platter
- Serving spoons

Cooking accessories

- Skillets
- A few saucepans with lids
- Roaster with a lid
- Dutch oven with a lid
- Baking dish
- 2-quart Pyrex dish
- Cookie sheet
- Large casserole dish
- Measuring spoons
- Colander
- Spatula
- Tongs
- Soup ladle
- Mixing bowls
- Rolling pin
- Beverage pitcher
- Cake pan

Miscellaneous

- Cutting board
- Wine/bottle opener
- Can opener
- Ice Cream scoop
- Fire extinguisher
- Pizza cutter
- Pot holders/oven mitts
- Kitchen towels/washcloths (at least 2 of each)
- Pot scrubber
- Kitchen scissors
- Dishwasher soap
- Paper towels
- Bonus items: Recipe books, spice rack, crock pot/slow cooker



Pantry

For the pantry, the rule of thumb is: if the renters will only use a small portion during their stay, then you should probably provide it. If you're not able to provide some of the suggested items, be sure to let your guests know ahead of time.

- Salt and pepper
- Coffee and coffee filters
- Non-dairy creamer
- Sugar
- Toothpicks
- Cooking oil
- Cooking spray
- Vinegar
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Flour
- Chili powder
- Italian seasoning



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Bathroom

When stocking the bathroom, try to think of the things you use and make sure there's enough of each item for each guest that will be staying in your property.

- 2 rolls of toilet paper in each bathroom
- Box of tissues in each bathroom
- Plastic or washable shower curtain liners
- Hair dryer in each bathroom
- Plunger and toilet brush
- Towel hooks
- Liquid hand soap
- 2 bath towels per guest
- 2 hand towels per guest
- 4 washcloths per guest



Living room

Your living room, like your kitchen, is something most hotels don't offer, and is probably one of the main reasons they've chosen to stay in a vacation home. So make sure there's enough space for all your guests (however many people your property sleeps), the entertainment center works, and they have something to do in case it rains!

- Comfortable seating for the number of people your rental sleeps
- TV large enough to watch across the room (at least 27 inches)
- Basic cable
- DVD player
- Deck of cards and/or board games



Miscellaneous items/amenities

There are plenty of other items that are nice to have and will make your guests experience even better, but the ones below are common and most guests will expect to find them in your rental.

- High-speed internet
- Vacuum
- Washer/dryer
- Air conditioning
- Liners for trash cans
- Full length mirror
- Guestbook
- Flashlight
- First aid kit