

***Welcome!*** We are so pleased to have you stay with us at Maple House.

Here are a few handy tips to make your stay more enjoyable...

**Maple House Address:**           **866 West Street**  
  **Taylor's Falls, MN 55084**  
  **USA**

**Directions:**

GPS (Google or Mapquest or others) typically work fine to get you here. If you need more help, please let us know.

**Your Hosts:**   **The best way to reach us is to send a message through airbnb.**  
  You may also text or call.

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  Sydney Paredes   651 399-2986 mobile

We live next door (across from back patio) at 842 West Street.  
Please contact us if you have any questions or need help with anything!  
Let us help you have a 5-star stay!

**Covid 19 Cleaning Procedures**

We wash all bedding (including blankets) and do enhanced deep cleaning & sanitization of surfaces between guests. We have temporarily removed the bedspreads and pillow shams and replaced them with clean sheets and pillow cases to facilitate washing all bedding between guests. We know it isn't as pretty as the photos on the listing, however, we believe it is safer for everyone. Thank you for understanding.

**Check in**

Please let us know your expected arrival time. The house is open (unlocked) when you arrive. We provide you with your unique 4-digit code (last 4 digits of phone number on your airbnb account). Use the code to lock and unlock the front door deadbolt if you wish to lock the house when you are out exploring. Once you are in the house, you may use any of the three entrance doors to come and go. All doors can be locked from the inside.

## **House Rules**

We ask that all guests read and follow these house rules and safety information:

Please.....

Respect neighborhood quiet hours from 10pm to 8am.

Supervise small children at all times.

No smoking or vaping inside house or back porch.

No drugs of any kind inside or outside.

No pets except service animals.

No firearms on premise without prior approval from owners.

No parties or events without prior approval from owners.

No fires or lit candles inside house or porch except in large candle jar provided.

No street parking.

Maple House is privately owned and owners are not responsible for any accidents, injuries or illness that occurs while on the premises or its facilities. The Homeowners are not responsible for the loss of personal belongings or valuables of the guest. By accepting this reservation, it is agreed that all guests are expressly assuming the risk of any harm arising from their use of the premises or others whom they invite to use the premise.

## **High Speed Internet WiFi & TV**

Network Names: *MapleHouse* (kitchen side of house), and  
*MapleSugar* (great room side of house)

Password for both: **maplesyrup**

We provide a smart tv with a basic cable adapter and a blu ray DVD player for your use. You are welcome to stream movies if you have an account with Amazon Prime or Netflix. Please remember to sign out when you leave. You can do it all with one small remote control.

## **Transportation:**

There are no public transportation, taxi cab, or Uber or Lyft options in the Taylors Falls vicinity. You will need a car.

## **Luggage:**

We have a wagon to help you move your bags to & from your car. Please use luggage racks or floor for your bags and help keep the beds clean.

### **Parking:**

The maple house driveway is just past the front of the house on West Street (right past the telephone pole). There is space for up to 6 cars in driveway on West St. and additional shared parking near the back patio on Maple Street.

### **Kitchen:**

You are welcome to use supplies in cupboard and refrigerator. The maple syrup is a gift for you, is made right next door at Don's Sugar Shack, and is available for purchase.

The stainless steel cookware should **not** be used on high temperatures.

### **Hot water:**

We have tankless (on demand) water heaters so you will need to let the water run a bit before it turns hot. Please let the water run until hot before you start the dishwasher.

### **Drinking Water:**

Taylor's Falls has good, clean water which is safe to drink right from the tap.

### **Range:**

Please turn on the fan when cooking. It just takes the touch of your finger to turn on and adjust speed.

### **Bathrooms:**

All upstairs bedrooms have **towel racks and towels on the back of bedroom door** so you have a place for your personal towel.

There are **hair dryers (2)** in master and upstairs bathrooms.

**Shampoo, conditioner and soft soap and bar soap** are available in each bathroom.

**Magnification make-up mirrors** are in master and upstairs bathrooms.

**Make-up remover** towelettes are in each bathroom. We appreciate your help to keep the wash cloths and towels white.

**Fans** in the bathroom showers have their own “wide” switch on the wall by the bathroom door. The switch turns the fan and light on and off. The timer is set at 10 minutes.

The master bath has **in-floor heat** with a control on the wall to the right of the mirror. You are welcome to turn it up if you want a warmer floor. Please remember to turn it down when you leave.

**Sewer System:** We just replaced the sewer line from the house to the street. Please help by putting all products like wet wipes or feminine hygiene supplies, everything except toilet paper, in the garbage.

### **Bedrooms:**

Master: There is a **remote control on the nightstand for the overhead fan**. Each bedroom has a firm pillow and a soft-medium pillow on the bed(s) and an extra blanket in the closet.

If you need to **change a bed** for any reason, you'll find sheets and pillow cases in closets in queen bed rooms, on shelves behind the door in twin bed room.

The inflatable bed is located in the entry room coat closet near the front door. There is **extra bedding** in the cedar chest in the great room for the inflatable bed and futon on the porch.

If you use the extra bedding for inflatable mattress or futon, please leave it out so we know to take it to the laundry, especially during Covid 19.

Please ask if you need anything. We want you to sleep well at Maple House!

### **Windows and shades**

Windows in great room are new and safe and easy to open if you wish. Please take care when opening windows in the older part of house (bedrooms, dining room, kitchen). The outside storm window must also be carefully opened in order for fresh air to come in. The release to open the storm will also serve to keep it in place if you align it with grooves on both sides. The shades in the great room and dining room are also problematic. Please keep the shades on the street side in the “down” position.

## **Laundry**

Washer & Dryer located upstairs are available for your use, including an ironing board and iron (in cupboard).

## **Garbage**

The garbage bin under the sink for regular garbage. The one in the cupboard to the right of the sink is for **recycle** garbage such as plastic bottles, aluminum cans and paper. There is no garbage disposal in the sink so please put scraps in regular trash or use the compost bucket.

There are two large garbage cans on the north side of the house, one for regular garbage and the other (blue with labels) for recycle.

## **Lights**

Most of our lights are LED to conserve energy and some of these take a moment to light up after you flip the switch...such as when you walk into the master bedroom. Wait a moment...there will be light!

The back porch light is motion activated when “on” and we recommend you leave it on.

## **Grill**

We provide propane for the grill on the patio and there is a small light attached to the hood to help you see what you’re cooking at night.

## **Fire pit**

Please enjoy the fire pit (container) on the back patio using the wood we provide. Most guests use it in the center of the patio with chairs around it. You may also move it to the east side of the pavers onto the large stones for a fire on the edge of the patio. Our guests sometimes do this if they are using the table to eat on the patio. h

There is a propane “torch” under the barbecue grill (to light the fire), and a box of kindling on the back porch.

Please do not light a fire in the great room fireplace. It is not safe.

## **Temperature Control**

There are 3 climate zones in Maple House, each with its own thermostat: Upstairs, Downstairs (by kitchen) and Great Room. Adjust temperature up or down as needed to be comfortable. When the air-conditioning is on upstairs, the downstairs can get chilly. If that happens, just turn off the air in the dining room. In winter, warm air from the kitchen area goes upstairs so keeping the heat off or low upstairs can make it more comfortable for sleeping.

When heating and cooling the house, please keep the door to the back porch closed. Please turn off the heat and air conditioning (two locations) if you have windows open and please remember to close windows when you check out.

## **User Manuals & Instructions**

If you have trouble operating any device or appliance, please ask for our help right away. We don't want you to feel frustrated. If we aren't available, we suggest you "google" instructions. There is YouTube video for just about everything!

## **Your Space outside the house:**

We do not own the bluff lot at Maple House or at our home across the side driveway from Maple House. Maple House boundaries extend just past the back yard area. The little cabin you see toward the bluff is a neighbor's private property. If you want to wander, please stay close to the house, walk on the streets, in the state parks, or on one of the nearby trails. Ask us for ideas. There are lovely options.

## **Additional important information**

Neighborhood speed limit is 30 mph.

School zone (West St) speed limit is 20 mph.

Quiet hours in this residential neighborhood are 10 pm to 8 am.

The corner of West and Maple Streets is a school bus stop.

## **Taylors Falls Churches**

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 561 Chestnut Street (.6 mile)

First Baptist Church, 661 West Street (.3 mile)

United Methodist Church, 290 W. Government Street (.9 mile)

Church of St. Joseph (Catholic), 490 Bench Street (1 mile)

## **Things to do and see**

There are so many things to see and do in this area! You'll be happy you came and want to come back.

There are many artistic attractions, shopping, wineries, and even professional live theatre. Check Trip Advisor. We agree with their suggestions!

We recommend:

Festival Theatre: [www.festivaltheatre.org](http://www.festivaltheatre.org)

Franconia Sculpture Park: [www.franconia.org](http://www.franconia.org)

Interstate State Park

Wild River State Park

Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tours

Wild Mountain Water Park, Alpine Slides & Go-Karts

Wild Mountain Ski and Snowboarding

Wineries: Chateau St. Croix, Dancing Dragonfly, Wild Mountain and others

Taylors Falls Canoe and Kayak Rental

Folsom House

Majestic Spa in Taylors Falls for a great facial or massage.

Help yourself to information on local attractions and activities and festivals on the glass shelves by the desk in the great room. and, Just ask us.....

Here is a link to the Maple House listing on airbnb. Scroll down the listing to find the guide book section which lists many local area attractions and is linked to Google to provide more information and contact information:

<https://airbnb.com/h/tfmaplehouse>

# Check Out Process

We are asking a bit more from our guests during Covid 19 to help us increase safety for our guests, our cleaning staff, and us. Thank you in advance for your help and understanding!

**Check out time is 12 Noon.**

**Please.....**

If you used any dishes, please wash them and put away. If you have to leave early, please load dishwasher and start it and we will put those dishes away.

Empty the refrigerator and remove your unused food you brought with you.

Empty all trash and recycle into large cans outside front side door.

Empty compost bucket (if used) in compost bin outside (look toward our red barn), or put the compost bucket on the back porch and we will empty it.

Put all used towels and wash cloths on upstairs laundry room floor.

Leave beds unmade. We will strip the beds and bedding. If you used extra bedding from closets, please leave those on bed so we know they need to be washed.

Look around for your belongings, including in drawers and closets.

Please let us know if anyone in your group was ill during their stay and let us know which bedroom they slept in.

Leave house unlocked.

Let us know when you leave, travel safely, and come back and stay with us again.

**Thank you!!**



## **Airbnb Review**

Positive reviews are very important to us. Please let us know if you are disappointed with anything or need something so we have an opportunity to make things right while you're here.

Please take time to review your stay at Maple House when you receive the request from Airbnb to do so.

We welcome your suggestions if there is anything you would like to tell us that would make your next stay more enjoyable. Please tell us, leave your suggestions in the front of the Welcome Manual, email [sydneyparedes@gmail.com](mailto:sydneyparedes@gmail.com), text to (651) 399-2986, or leave a "private" comment through Airbnb after you submit your review.