

Beach Fires

Our west coast oceanfront is a tempting spot to want to hold campfires, but please note that our dry hot summers, and the beautiful wilderness around us combines to create extreme fire danger ratings during the summer. The high danger levels mean that no beach fires or open burning is permitted.

Wildlife and Garbage

Another feature of our rural community is the wildlife. Metchosin is home to bears, cougars, deer as well as smaller wildlife. This means extra precautions need to be taken to avoid attracting wildlife into our neighbourhoods and homes. Metchosin residents recycle and compost kitchen scraps as much as they can and we hope you will too. Your host can provide you with tips on where to store compost, recycling and garbage indoors, but in no instances should garbage be exposed outdoors, as it will attract wildlife.



Fire, Police and Ambulance

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Victoria General Hospital

1 Hospital Way

District of Metchosin

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NUMBER: _____

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Good Neighbour Brochure

For Short-term Rentals



Welcome to Metchosin

Metchosin is a unique rural community, known for its scenery, oceanfront, agriculture, and relaxed lifestyle. You have decided to rent a house in our great community, among our local permanent residents. As you enjoy the beauty of our community, please respect the fact that our residents value the quiet and safe neighbourhood in which they live. Your neighbours, and the District, are looking to you for your help in preserving that sense of peace and quiet. In short, being a vacation renter also means being a good neighbour. This brochure highlights a few tips on how to do just that during your stay.

Noise

A rural municipality means your neighbours are not only used to the quiet, they enjoy it and have chosen to live here specifically because of it!

Amplified music is not allowed outside your vacation rental unit. Your neighbours may not share your excellent taste in music, and cranking up the volume so that your neighbours can hear the music is not permitted. This also goes for any excessive noise emanating from the dwelling – loud parties are not welcome! If noise from your unit is disturbing your neighbours, they have every right to call the District and this may bring Bylaw officers or even the Police to your door, and can result in significant fines. A little consideration goes a long way!

*Happy neighbours will make
your stay an even better
experience!*

Parking

Your vacation rental unit is required to provide parking for you **on the property**. The District maintains narrow rural roads and lanes, so please refrain from parking your car on the street, and never block a driveway or access.

One Family at a Time

Homes in Metchosin are permitted to be used by one family at a time! Rental units are not permitted to be gathering spots for multiple families, or for hosting events which can exacerbate the impact on noise, parking, and other issues for neighbours. Our parks and local restaurants are great alternatives for gathering with friends.

Dogs

Dogs are required to be on a leash when outside in the community, and we expect everyone to pick up after their dogs. Dogs are not allowed on the beach areas between June 1st and September 15th including at Matheson Lake, Devonian Park and Witty's Lagoon beach areas (except Tower Point). And remember, barking dogs can also disturb neighbours and lead to complaints!

