

## **Move-in Condition for Sabbatical Houses**

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### **All sabbatical houses need to be building-code compliant**

Please keep in mind that although the nature of sabbatical housing stays are temporary, renters seeking this type of housing do not arrive with any furnishings and are seeking a quality experience--a home away from home.

### **All houses need to be furnished**

- Furnishings should be comfortable, durable, and comparable to that of a permanent home.
- All beds must have frames. Mattresses must be clean and very good condition.

### **All houses need to be well maintained and clean**

- Carpets must be clean.
- Window coverings must be adequate and functional.
- Bathrooms must be up-to-date and in good condition.
- Owner's personal belongings must not be in the closets or on the premises where they are in the tenant's way.
- Both front yard and backyard must be tidy.

### **All basic equipment needs to be functional**

- Heating and air-conditioning must be in working order.
- All appliances—including dishwashers, ovens, and washing machines—must be fully functional.
- All light fixtures, lamps, and lampshades must be in good condition.

### **Houses must be adequately equipped with basic necessities**

- Kitchen must be adequately equipped, including cookware, dishes, etc., comparable to that in a permanent home.
- Sheets and towels must be adequate and in good condition.
- Sanitary garbage cans must be provided.
- Basic equipment for yard maintenance (or a gardening service) must be provided.

**A local reference person (or the email address of the owner) needs to be available to the tenant in case of necessary repairs or replacements.**