



Good Neighbor Guidelines: Clear Creek County

Welcome to Clear Creek County! As part of our community, whether as a visitor or resident, you play a vital role in maintaining the unique charm and natural beauty of our mountainous region. These guidelines are designed to ensure a safe and harmonious living environment for everyone and to enhance your experience in our beautiful county. Please adhere to the following guidelines.

1. Respect the Natural Environment:

- **Leave No Trace:** Always clean up after yourself and dispose of trash properly. Keep our forests, streams, and wildlands pristine. Plan ahead and prepare, travel and camp on durable surfaces, dispose of waste properly, leave what you find, respect wildlife. No fires are allowed at your STR, ensure to obey fire-bans and minimize campfire impacts offsite.
- **Wildlife Awareness:** Do not feed, approach, or disturb wildlife. Use bear-proof containers and secure your food and trash.

2. Be Prepared for Mountain Conditions:

- **Weather Awareness:** Mountain weather can change rapidly. Be prepared for varying conditions, especially during winter. Carry necessary supplies and clothing. Check road conditions before you travel and have an alternate route planned. Utilize local hotels and motels if necessary.
- **Road Safety:** Understand and respect Colorado's Traction Law. Ensure your vehicle is equipped for mountain driving, especially during snowfall. Park only in designated areas.

3. Respect the Community and Neighbors:

- **Noise and Light Awareness:** Please be considerate of noise and light at night, respecting neighbors and nature. Sound and light can be more intrusive in mountainous areas.
- **Property Boundaries:** Respect private property and do not trespass. Use public lands responsibly and follow all signage and guidelines.
- **Community Support:** Engage with the local community respectfully. Support local businesses and participate in community events where possible.
- **Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV):** OHV are allowed on designated roads only please check the motor vehicle use map for details (MVUM) link below. OHV's are not permitted on interstate, highway, or county roads.
<https://gis.clearcreekcounty.us/HTML5Viewer/?viewer=recreation&LayerTheme=Off%20Highway%20Vehicle%20Routes>

4. Short-Term Rental Etiquette:

- **Parking:** Follow the parking plan provided by your rental. Do not block neighbors' access or public roads.
- **Safety Information:** Familiarize yourself with the safety information and emergency procedures provided in your rental.
- **Smoking:** Ensure smoking practices align with any fire-bans in effect. When not prohibited by fire-ban ensure to smoke over durable non-flammable surface such as a paved drive or patio, extinguish smoking materials completely by soaking ashes and butts prior to disposal.

By following these Good Neighbor Guidelines, you contribute to the safety, beauty, and community spirit of Clear Creek County. Whether you're here for a short visit or a long-term stay, we hope you enjoy the natural beauty and unique experiences our county offers, while also contributing to a positive and respectful environment for all.

Remember, these guidelines are designed not only for your safety and enjoyment but also for the preservation of our natural environment and the peace and well-being of our local residents. Let's work together to ensure Clear Creek County remains a welcoming and beautiful place for everyone.