



## “House Rules and Guest Expectations”

- We hope you will have a fantastic memorable time during your special event/reunion/vacation, but we expect you to treat our guest retreat home with the same care and love as we do. We will provide an email about features of the home that we suggest you forward to members of your group prior to arrival to prevent loss of any of excessive cleaning/damage deposit.
- No smoking except outside, 50 ft or more from the house, collecting waste.
- Parties with others who are not guests **need to be negotiated in advance** (we love to celebrate and there are lots of reasons to do so in Ithaca, we are happy to help you plan a fun, relaxed event). This applies particularly to Tenwood’s use for family reunions, commencements or wedding lodging. We are quite open to low-key BBQ gatherings, welcome/rehearsal dinners, graduation group photo ops with friends or farewell luncheons with **limited numbers** of outside guests.
- Fireworks are NOT legal in New York State and are not acceptable at Tenwood Lodge.
- **We do not rent Tenwood for drunken parties to take place.** That being said, we are happy to recommend local liquor stores, wineries, breweries and distilleries.
- We have lots of special items, wooden features, furniture, doors and floors (don't put damp or wet items there, we have provided towel racks in each bedroom, in the bathrooms, a clothesline, and a washer/dryer also), please ensure all guests are careful.
- Please refrain from touching the taxidermy mounts, enjoy looking at them.
- This is country living, we have screens on many windows, the others we keep shut and look through the glass. Only open screened windows to prevent gnats, etc. from becoming your uninvited guests.
- Picking the veggies in the garden is our job, we may share it with you and teach kids a bit about gardening if asked. Children in the garden by our permission, plants damage easily.
- Parents are responsible to protect their children around windows, the pond, any bonfires, woodstoves in winter and farm equipment. The Basement (except for trash/recycling removal), Barn and Sugar house are off-limits but we may give tours of sugar house (Maple Syrup) upon request.
- One or more members of our family will likely be living onsite doing maintenance, gardening, etc. We will try to give you space while being here to help in any way.
- No use of firearms and no illegal substances, please.