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'Tis the season for responsible holiday hosting

As the holiday season approaches, Scottsdale reminds property owners and visitors about local short-term rental rules and best practices. Whether you're renting your home or booking a getaway, it's important to follow city regulations to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. Visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "vacation and short term rentals"](https://scottsdaleaz.gov/search/vacation-and-short-term-rentals) for guidance on permits, occupancy limits, and tips for responsible hosting this holiday season.

Solid Waste made simple for short-term rentals

Keeping your rental properties clean and compliant is easy with Scottsdale Solid Waste's guidelines:

- Place containers curbside (or in alleys) by 5 a.m. on collection day, facing the street with wheels to the curb, and maintain proper spacing.
- Bag trash, never bag recyclables, and follow disposal rules for metals, plastics, organics, and more.
- When in doubt, use [Scottsdale's Recycle Wizard](#) online to ensure items go in the right bin. Overfilled containers may incur fees, and service disruptions can occur, so stay informed and recycle right.

Please contact Solid Waste if you need additional containers to ensure that you have enough to contain your waste. [Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Solid Waste"](https://scottsdaleaz.gov/search/solid-waste) for more information.

Deck the halls, not the drains

During the busy holiday season, kitchens generate more grease than usual, making proper disposal especially important. Pouring grease, oils, or fats down the drain can cause costly clogs and sewer backups.

Instead, let grease cool and dispose of it in the trash or use a collection container for recycling where available. Following these simple steps helps protect Scottsdale's sewer system and keeps your plumbing flowing smoothly.

Protect guests and your property: Security camera guidelines

Scottsdale allows cameras at short-term rental properties for safety and security, but there are important rules to protect guest privacy. Cameras must be clearly disclosed in rental listings, cannot be placed inside sleeping areas or bathrooms, and should only monitor permitted spaces like entrances or common areas. Following these guidelines helps hosts maintain trust, ensures guest comfort, and keeps your rental in compliance with city regulations.

Ensure your rental has a local emergency contact

Scottsdale requires short-term rental properties to have a designated local emergency contact available 24/7. This contact is responsible for responding promptly to guest or neighbor issues, including noise complaints, maintenance emergencies, or safety concerns. Ensuring a reliable local contact helps protect guests, neighbors, and your property, while keeping your rental in compliance with city regulations. Make sure your emergency contact information is up to date and clearly provided to both guests and the city.

Resources

- [Update a Scottsdale short-term/vacation rental license](#)
- [Update a Neighborhood Notification & Liability Insurance Compliance Attestation](#)
- [Scottsdale's Short Term Resource Center map](#)
- [A Good Neighbor Guide for Scottsdale Visitors](#) (PDF)
- [A Good Neighbor Guide for Owners and Managers of Short-Term Properties in Scottsdale](#) (PDF)
- [Hiker Safety Card](#) (PDF)