

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW Villa 1 Upper...

PLEASE READ the following important information. It is provided to assist you in having a safe and relaxing vacation. If you have ANY questions, or need any assistance please contact Holly 787-340-8319 or Alex 787-823-7183.

Enjoy - You did rent a beach house to enjoy the sun, the sand, and ocean breezes. Please help us keep costs down by running the air conditioners only when needed. Past guests have found that if you open all the patio doors, you usually get a great breeze and they prefer NOT to run the air conditioning. They have enjoyed the great wide open, tropical, indoor/outdoor living. Electricity is expensive on the island, so if you do decide to run the air, please shut the air conditioners off if you leave for the day. Also, please turn off lights and fans when you leave or when they are no longer needed. It doesn't take long to cool the house or bedroom down in the evening. But, to truly experience the tropics, open the doors and windows and let the breezes flow. Once in awhile the electricity might go out for short periods of time. We should have candles in the kitchen that you may want to use. Keep the refrigerator door closed so food doesn't spoil.

Go up to the top sundeck! You can usually find a nice breeze. It is great at night for viewing the stars. The light switch for the upstairs is at the bottom of the stairs. Make sure you turn off the lights when you come back down. Be extra careful of the spiral stairs to the top, some of the steps are not the same size and you could trip if you are not careful. Again, tile can be slippery when wet. When you go to the sundeck - *Please stay on the flat section only!*

BBQ - on the south side we installed a BBQ area. Please help keep it clean. This is a Gas BBQ. Be sure to turn off the gas after you use the grill. Because of the beach and salt, the automatic igniters go out very quickly, so to light the grill, you need to do so manually. There should be lighter inside the kitchen somewhere. If you have any problems, or can find the lighter, contact Holly. Please - No Charcoal - it will destroy the grill!

Water is precious on most Caribbean islands. Many places even catch rain water for their use. Please conserve and use the water wisely. We have installed water saving toilets that use less water. Hold the handle down longer if you need a longer flush. On occasion the water is turned off. We have installed a water reserve system, to provide you with your own water supply, until it is turned back on again. The tap water is filtered and should be "safe" to drink. We also installed a R/O drinking faucet at the kitchen sink. We also ran the R/O water to the ice maker in the refrigerator.

Internet - we provide a high speed internet connection for you at no extra charge. Because of all the concrete, wireless does not function very well, but you may get a weak signal by the laundry room door. The best way to connect is to plug in the blue wire/cable at the bar. For most computers you simply plug in the internet cable and you should get a signal. If you are having problems, try "rebooting" your computer. If that does not work, go to - control panel - network connections. Make sure you see your LAN (local area connection) connection and it is "enabled". You may want to "right" click on it and select properties to see more information about this connection.

In that window (or in "networking" tab) you should see something about "Internet Protocol" Click on this and then "properties" make sure your internet protocol is set to "automatically" obtain an IP address. If you still need help, you may call Holly, or us at the office at 800-875-6399 for help. At times the internet does go down, but most times will come back shortly.

Stereo/TV/DVD - we have upgraded our satellite TV service to include over 200 of the top satellite TV channels, all the major network stations, the local Spanish speaking stations, plus 6 premium movie stations. Also included is  SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO, which has many different commercial free music radio stations to choice from. To operate the TV, the TV has to always be on channel 3 and the satellite box has to be on.

The stereo plays CD's, and has a FM tuner. The guide book should have a separate detail instructions on the operation of all the equipment. Please DO NOT re-wire our electronic equipment! If you are having problems, or something is not working, contact us.

Phone Service - the phone is restricted to local calls and toll free calls only, so **calling cards** are necessary to make long distance calls. The phone number to the entire house is (787) 823-3196. Because many people rent the entire house, the phone will ring upstairs and down. The telephone is provided for your use and convenience, but if someone is staying downstairs, please be considerate and try to limit the number of calls you get. You must first dial the 787 area code even if you are calling a local number.

Rooftop Swimming Pool Go down a few homes to our Villa 2 and Villa 3 homes. On the roof we provide a swimming pool and spa for the use of our guests. You can usually find a nice breeze. It is great at night for viewing the stars. Be extra careful of the stairs to the top, the steps are steeper than a normal step, and some of the steps are not the same size and you could trip if you are not careful. Again, tile can be slippery when wet.

Washer/Dryer - We also provide a washer and dryer for your use. They are located off the kitchen. Use the dryer only on cloudy or rainy days. Clothes dryers are somewhat rare, because the sun and wind dry things very rapidly. There should be an iron and ironing board in the bedroom. The top shelf over the closet is a great place to store your suitcases.