



**Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island & Sunshine Coast Accommodation**

## General Information

### What we do for you at Gulf Island Vacation Rentals Inc.:

- Extensive web promotion for your vacation property. This includes professional photography, professional writing and professional web site development. First impressions are very important in how your property is perceived.
- Extensive marketing through local and regional newspapers and magazines.
- Whenever possible, before we list a property on the Gulf Island Vacation Rentals website, we make a personal visit to your property so we can knowledgeably discuss it with potential clients
- Discounted web hosting. If you have your own website, GIVR can provide discounted web hosting.
- GIVR handles all financial transactions: this includes the handling of booking deposits, security deposits, final rental payments and a cheque to the owner or his/her bank.

### What GIVR requires of the home owner:

- Legal and adequate insurance coverage for your home. Because there is often a higher charge for your property if you rent it short-term, you should check with your insurance agent regarding this. We can recommend some insurance agents who will handle short-term rentals if the company you are presently dealing with does not.
- A minimum of one local contact person or agency who will be available by phone if the need arrives. We highly recommend at least two local contacts since occasionally one of them might be out of contact when a renter requires assistance. Ideally, one of these people would live in the same neighbourhood. Gulf Island Vacation Rentals is a booking agency not a property management company.
- Updated bookings information. You must inform a GIVR booking agent immediately of any bookings made either directly or through another rental agency.
- A clean house and tidy grounds. You must ensure that the house and grounds are clean and in good repair and that the information you have provided regarding the furnishings and equipment in the house are updated as changes are made.
- A detailed information package for your renters. GIVR provides guidelines of what is required to be in this package.
- All the essential articles and information that is needed to ensure that your renters have a relaxed and comfortable stay.