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*"Sign, sign, everywhere a sign... Do this, don't do that, can't you read the sign?" \**



We were welcomed to Casitas de Gila by this handsome sign that straddled a one-land dirt road that bumped and twisted for four miles. Boulder eruptions, erosion pits, blind hills and corners. No big deal. Except that Sheila was driving. Huzzzzah!

The road ended but the signs were just beginning. Tour the Casita with us...



**FIREPLACE  
DECOMMISSIONED  
Until Mid/Late October**

*Blocked at top to keep birds and  
crawling critters out!*

**TURN GENTLY!**

**← ON    OFF →**

**DANTE**

**PLEASE KEEP DOOR CLOSED!**

*mice, chipmunks, lizards, flies, scorpions,  
snakes, birds, bees ... they'll come in if you don't!*



**Please Smoke Outside**

*Kindly place cigarette butts in chimenea  
as conditions are very dry here and  
there is always the danger of brush fire.*

*We work hard to keep things in great shape at Casitas de Gila.  
Please tell us if you notice anything broken or damaged.*

We graciously remind you that unless you  
have made arrangements at least  
24 hours in advance for a late checkout,

## Check-Out is 10 AM

allowing us time to  
prepare this Casita for our next guests.

Thank you!



The fire that burned down this house (in Biddeford, Maine) was caused by a LAPTOP COMPUTER.

The computer was off, but plugged in and charging ... and sitting on the SOFA. The computer's battery was *not* on the list of recalled batteries.

The house belongs to Becky's son's brother-in-law.  
Fortunately, no one was home.

**PLEASE UNPLUG AND TURN OFF  
YOUR LAPTOP  
WHEN YOU ARE NOT HERE!**

If you must leave it on, please put it on the  
concrete floor.



# SPRING NOTES ...

## HOW TO KEEP YOUR CASITA COMFORTABLE ...

1. It gets hot and windy during the day — please keep the windows closed so the heat and dust stay outside. This will keep your casita from getting too warm.
2. During the day, it helps to keep the mini-blind slats closed enough to deflect the direct sunlight.
3. It cools down outside in the evenings and will be quite cool by morning. Feel free to open the windows in the evening for as long as you are comfortable.

## HOW TO USE THE CHIMENEA ...

1. **DO NOT USE IF WINDY** (sparks could start a grass fire) and **KEEP FIRE SMALL!**
2. Using the smaller sticks, criss-cross some in the bottom of the chimenea.
3. Give the sticks a squirt of charcoal starter, then light with a match.
4. Add larger wood only 1 or 2 pieces at a time, depending on size of pieces — the wood is dry and the firebox very small.
5. When ready to go inside, use shovel to turn over and bury coals in the gravel in the chimenea in case the wind comes up during the night. **DO NOT USE WATER ON A HOT CHIMENEA! IT WILL CRACK.**

**P L E A S E !**

**MAKE SURE YOUR WINDOWS ARE CLOSED BEFORE LEAVING THE CASITA**

It is hot during the day and the wind blows in lots of dust (we ARE the High Desert!) ... and it *could* rain at any time.

# PLEASE READ !

## Please do NOT go hiking alone!

Even down to the creek. If your travel companion doesn't want to go, we have walkie-talkies available for you to use. You're not alone if you take a walkie-talkie with you! And in the unlikely event you do run into difficulty, you will be able to let us know.

## Please don't engage your Car Alarm!

We made a deal with a neighbor: he would get rid of his very, very loud target-shooting gun and we would make every effort to not have car alarms go off in the middle of the night. So far it's working!

## Please don't force the windows open

If they won't open easily, check to make sure the lock is completely undone! (The first year we were open, there was a guest who broke 5 window cranks before he realized the windows were locked. One of these episodes was enough for us!)

*Thank you for understanding!*

**Please Use the Trash Can  
for everything except  
Toilet Paper!**



**Medicated skin-care  
products may cause  
spots on our towels!**

If you use skin-care products containing Benzoyl Peroxide or other acne-specific medications, the chemicals will bleach towels. You will notice peach- or pink-colored spots. These are permanent and will not wash out.

***There are white towels in the  
closet for people who use  
these products.***



# Please Read Before Using Hot Tub!

Hours: **6 AM to 10 PM** Only

1. **EVERYONE MUST SHOWER *BEFORE* USING HOT TUB.**
2. **ADULTS ONLY (age 18+)**! No exceptions.
3. **BATHING SUITS ONLY** No street clothes (i.e. shorts, t-shirts, etc).
4. **NO BEVERAGES** in or around hot tub (other than water), please.
5. **Do not block jets** as this will overheat the motor and throw the circuit breaker.
6. Please cycle the pump to off **AND** turn the jets to the lowest setting before you replace the cover. (NOTE: if the heater is running or the hot tub is in a filter cycle, the low-speed pump will continue to operate; this is OK.)
7. **DO NOT ADJUST THE TEMPERATURE DIAL!** (Note: if the pump goes on while you are using the hot tub, it is because the heater has turned on or the tub has begun a filter cycle; this is OK.)

*Please help us take care of our hot tub so all of our Casitas guests can enjoy it safely!*



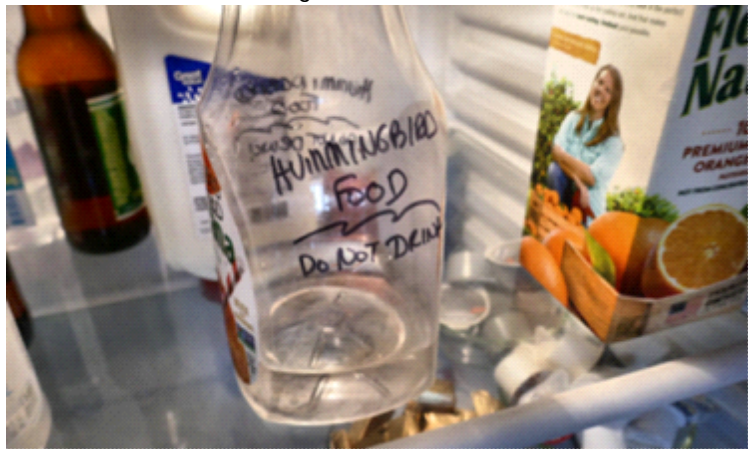
## WARNINGS!

**In case of malfunction, turn off circuit breaker in box by path.**

- Your use of this hot tub is at your own risk.
- Please use the hot tub for 15-20 minutes only. High body temperatures affect people differently.
- Since infection spreads rapidly in hot water, please don't use the hot tub if you have open wounds or sores.
- Water temperatures in excess of 104°F are not recommended. High water temperatures in excess of 104°F (40°C) and prolonged periods of use can raise internal human body temperature excessively and impair the body's ability to regulate its internal temperature.
- The elderly and the infirm should **not** use the hot tub.
- **Do not use the hot tub if you have been drinking alcohol or taking prescription medicines or drugs.** Alcohol, drugs, or certain medications such as tranquilizers affect a person's ability to withstand high temperatures and may produce dangerous effects, including drowning.
- Pregnant women and people with heart conditions, high or low blood pressure, or diabetes should not use the hot tub.
- Keep body, hair, and clothing a minimum of 12 inches away from suction fittings and skimmers at all times when the hot tub is operating. Hair longer than shoulder length should be secured close to the head or a bathing cap should be worn.

*Thanks! It's much appreciated!*

No relief even in the fridge...



That's all.  
Laundry day!

D&S

*\*Five Man Electrical Band, 1971*