



TOWNSHIP OF  
ASHFIELD-COLBORNE-WAWANOSH

# Guest Cabin Guide



## **DEFINITION**

GUEST CABIN means a building for guest accommodation, accessory to a permitted dwelling, and a guest cabin shall be used for sleeping accommodations only, shall not contain washroom facilities, shall not contain kitchen or food preparation facilities, and shall not exceed 247 square feet (23 square metres) of total floor area. A guest cabin may not contain more than 2 storeys.

## **ZONING**

A GUEST CABIN is permitted in the following zones:

- LAKESHORE RESIDENTIAL – SEASONAL (LR1)
- LAKESHORE RESIDENTIAL – YEAR ROUND (LR2)
- RECREATIONAL – COMMERCIAL FACILITY ZONE (RC3)

Only one (1) GUEST CABIN is permitted per property in these zones and must be located on the property as per the Township zoning by law.

For more information on what your property is zoned, please visit our website and review our [consolidated zoning by law](#). You can also use the [Huron County GIS](#) website to locate your property and zoning information.

## **ONSITE SEWAGE SYSTEMS**

In the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh most properties are serviced by an onsite sewage system.

A GUEST CABIN may not be located on top of any component of an onsite sewage system or within 5 feet (1.5 metres) of a septic or holding tank, nor within 16 foot 5 inches (5 metres) of a septic distribution pipe.

Where a new GUEST CABIN is erected, the property must have the capacity to process an additional bedroom's worth of sanitary sewage in the onsite sewage system. This may mean upgrading the current septic tank and distribution field or increasing the capacity of the holding tank onsite.

You can contact the Township Building Department to discuss your onsite sewage needs.

## **PARKING**

The location of a guest cabin may not reduce the ability to park onsite. Note all guests must be able to park onsite and not on the roadway or on top of the onsite sewage system.

## **BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

A building permit application is required to be submitted to the Township Building Department when the ground coverage area exceeds 108 square feet (10 square metres) including overhanging upper lofts or second storeys.

## **MAITLAND VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY REGULATED AREA**

A GUEST CABIN that is planned to be located in a Maitland Valley Conservation Authority regulated area must have permission from the Conservation Authority.