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Below, is a household considerations letter we developed with our children as they were growing up. The expectations still apply when they visit our home today. Please use our example as a template for your own family expectations list and work together with your children to create guidelines the whole family can live by.

Dear Children,

As you know, we take pride in our home and make every effort to take good care of what God has given us. Therefore, we are creating this list of things we expect of you as part of our home and family.

Our hope is that we can have open discussions about our expectations and receive your input as well. After you've read through the list and discussed with us any items you desire, please sign below, indicating you understand and agree to our household considerations.

Love,

Mom and Dad

- ❖ Upon arriving at the home, please announce yourself and say “hi” to Mom and Dad; say “goodbye” when departing.
- ❖ Before taking time for fun, bedrooms and bathrooms will be cleaned. Please keep these areas picked up at all times.
- ❖ Dishes are placed in the dishwasher, except for hand wash only items such as plastic, pots, pans, knives, etc. These should be hand washed immediately after use.
- ❖ Please eat and enjoy your food only at the dining room table, round table, or kitchen bar.
- ❖ Do not leave a trail behind you in the house. Please keep things picked up and straighten up the rooms when you leave. (This includes putting pillows and cushions back & also refluffing them when you are finished.)
- ❖ Dirty clothes are to be placed in the hamper in the laundry room when ready for wash; dirty clothes are to be kept in a hamper in your room, not on the floor.
- ❖ The Jacuzzi is always available for use, provided care is taken to keep the heating bill down. Do not turn the Jacuzzi on more than one hour before use, and turn it off immediately after use. Landscape lights or pool lights are to be on when in the Jacuzzi at night. (Push B Button off button.)
- ❖ Nothing wet (bathing suits, towels, etc.) shall be left on any furniture or carpet, nor shall wet towels or bathing suits be hung over glass shower doors or left outside.

- ❖ Household carpets are to be protected. Nothing shall be placed on carpets unless towels or blankets are put down first.
- ❖ The entire house is a non-smoking environment. If you want to smoke, please do so outside and be sure to dispose of butts in a safe and appropriate manner.
- ❖ If a room is vacant or unoccupied, please make sure all of the lights are turned off.
- ❖ Water is always a shortage. Please use it conservatively.
- ❖ No pets are allowed inside of our home.
- ❖ Our home is not a place for parties, and if you make friends at restaurants, bars, etc., please enjoy time with them elsewhere and not in our home.
- ❖ All interior doors are to remain open when there is mixed company in the room.
- ❖ No opposite sex in the bedrooms.
- ❖ No drugs whatsoever are ever to be brought onto our premises.
- ❖ Any damage by you or your friends will be repaired or replaced at your expense.
- ❖ Individuals borrowing family cars must wash them two times a month.
- ❖ The individual using family cars is responsible for the gas. Please return the car with at least the same amount of gas it had at prior to the trip.
- ❖ Mom and Dad will be responsible for maintenance, repairs, and insurance.
- ❖ If you have an accident, you will be responsible for the insurance deductible.

- ❖ No family member borrowing a family car is authorized to loan the car out to any other driver without Dad's prior permission. We have a very complicated insurance structure for everything in our world, and an accident by a non-family member will cause us problems.

The following will be provided by Mom and Dad:

1. Rent-free living space
2. Stocked refrigerator and pantry for meals
3. Laundry services (dry cleaning per expense agreement)
4. All household expenses (including utilities, cable and Wi-Fi)
5. A loving, supportive environment

Remember, all of our household expectations are open for discussion. It is our hope that you will offer your input as part of our family considerations and we can work together to make our home a loving, enjoyable environment for many years to come.

Please sign and date upon agreement:
