

MAKING A HOUSE SIT SELECTION

Part III of IV

I've seen listings that expect you to pay for utilities, vegans that don't want meat brought into the house and I have a client who maintains a Kosher kitchen. If there are conditions you are not willing to agree to, pass on it. If they say you shouldn't bring small children because their dog doesn't get along with little kids, don't take little kids. The way to get a good reference that helps you get your next sit and the one after that, is to do what you agree to and to go above and beyond. I always try to leave a house cleaner than it was when I arrived, and I've even washed a few homeowners' cars in their driveway the day they get back. The pets are always sad that I'm leaving.

I've cleaned houses right after the homeowners walked out the door because I wasn't going to be comfortable unless I did. Any house could need some cleaning, but none have ever been down-right gross. Most are fantastic! The longest sit so far has been about six weeks long. I've done two or three day sits when I have a gap on my calendar and they are geographically where I need to be, but I might not do a bunch of cleaning on those. You can usually tell by the photos on the listings if the home is new, old, immaculate or maybe a bit run down.

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