

Closing the Cabin

Stove:

Empty ashes, dump in campfire, and thoroughly dampen

Winter: seal top of stove with paraffin while still warm, remove external chimney and seal roof jack. Leave internal chimney in place.

Garden:

Check drip system for year-round operation. Leave ON.

Winter: remove and store hose at faucet

Shower:

Drain tank

Winter: Remove all hoses from tank and shower and cap or close off remaining pipes

Shed:

Store all bedding

Store all tools

Put at least one block of dCon mouse poison in corner of floor.

Winter: Store sawhorses, worktable, ladder, & wheelbarrow

Lock door (including deadbolt)

Cabin:

Dispose of all perishable food.

Secure all food, cloth, bedding, and paper

Dispose of all perishable food items.

Date any boxed or canned food items

Seal all cabinets from mice. Even 1/4" is enough space for mice to enter.

Empty, drain, and dry ice chests

Empty and drain water cauldron

Take any soiled clothing, towels, or bedding to launder and return

Haul out all garbage and recyclables

Bring in all chairs and tables

Lock both doors (including deadbolts)

Sweep Floor

Winter: bring in all beds and slats

Winter: Dismount and bring in both screen doors

Winter: Put blocks of dCon mouse poison in corners of floor

Winter: install cables in criss-cross fashion and tighten eyebolts from outside cabin until cables are snug.

Water System:

Leave valve at water tank **OFF** year-round.

(Valve is opened only for emergency water when spring is dry)

Drain and refill 400 gallon tank once a year.

Drain and refill emergency water tanks in cabin once a year.

Firewood:

Stack all rounds on edge so that endgrain can air dry.

Stack all split wood off the ground.

Always leave ample supply of dry wood for next group.

Dispose of Trash:

Burnables – Burn in stove or campfire. Avoid metals and plastics.

Organics – Dump away from cabin to avoid animal problems.

All others – Pack it out.