

Host's Directions

The apartment is at the top of the outside stoop with no internal stairs on 126 West 13th Street, just to the right of the "Gradisca" awning. The name "Scott Fenton" is on the buzzer. The building is a red brownstone on the south side of the street between 6th and 7th Avenues in the middle of the block nearest to 6th Avenue.



House Rules

The main, and most important, rule is to please enjoy your stay. You are truly welcome here.

There is no smoking at all in the apartment, but you are welcome to smoke out on the terrace provided you please use and empty your ashtrays. The fireplaces are now decorative and originally designed for coal; they are, unfortunately, not useable. Also, we must insist no dining room chairs or any furniture outside.

The last rule is extremely important. Please never walk on the tarred/asphalt-papered roof beyond the grey decking. Equally important is to never place any of the deck chairs/furniture on that roof. Regrettably, this has been ignored recently & the roof damaged, and consequently we will start to deduct heavily from the security deposit for infractions. The roofing is extremely soft and has just been repaired, costing over ten thousand dollars. High heels, chair legs, etc. will penetrate it. Plus, there is a probability that you will bring tar into the apartment, which will be very expensive to clean. And you will probably ruin your shoes.

We provide fresh clean linens, two sets of keys, some kitchen staples, and, naturally, clean rooms and empty waste cans. In the foyer closet, there are two hair dryers, a mini-ironing board, and an iron. During your stay, you will be responsible for your own linens (i.e., no service comes in during your stay to clean the linens, change, or make the bed), food, key-handling, and garbage removal (again, no one will be coming in and emptying the trash, for instance, during your stay--your privacy is maintained).

You will be welcome houseguests, not renters in a hotel or bed&breakfast. The space is a completely furnished apartment in a landmark building in a great location, and the accommodations will be offered to

you cleaned and prepped. Just as houseguests, you should please leave the premises in the same condition you enter them, except for the normal wear of the duration of your stay.

Conditions where the premises require more than regular laundry and cleaning -- examples being music CDs scattered on the floor through the apartment, garbage over-flowing in its containers or on the floor, covers of furniture removed, linens permanently stained -- will be remedied at your cost by an outside service who handles these problems for us and others locally. Please do not spoil your stay or our hosting by treating these choice accommodations at a fantastic location in a disrespectful manner. We would be very grateful for your cooperation. We are really not up-tight hosts; we're just still reeling from two pretty bad incidents.

Thanks a great deal, and we look very much forward to welcoming you in our home.

House Manual

The WiFi's ID is *fenton* and has the password **2129240283** – the number of the cell-phone described below.

A back-up WiFi, log-in ID *FreedomPop_9f88* with password *freedompop8780*, is stored in the bottom of the black Pendleton drawers on the left side of the bed. This back-up is a temporary expedient & should only be used briefly until the main WiFi is back on. We will pay for the first 500MB of usage on the back-up device. You may use more than 500MB at your expense (it will stop automatically at the 500MB limit, no worries of unknown charges), but please keep in mind that it's pricey: \$.02/MB. The regular WiFi is free, of course.

Two phones provided in the apartment, a land-line that calls anywhere in the US and Canada for free (+1.646.493.2205) and a cell-phone (+1.212.924.0283) that costs \$0.2 a minute for usage (unfortunately, in the US, usage is making or receiving a call). Please let us know in advance if you'd like the cell-phone activated.

The land-line is reached via the cordless phone kept in the bedroom closet; the fax-phone (with answering machine & speaker-phone); and a regular phone next to the kitchen. Since the land-line is also associated with GoogleVoice, you can get your phone messages transcribed & emailed to you. You may also extend an Ethernet cable rolled up in the closet to the PC under desk. Above all this in the closet are extra pillows.

You may find odd-colored or somewhat bleach-stained but clean towels in with the regular bath towels in the dressers. This is not an oversight. These colored towels are for your use on the chairs outside, if desired. Just please remember not on the roofing beyond the grey deck and to bring them inside when you are done.

The stereo in the armoire has a standard tuner (radio) function. The CD player holds 5 CDs at a time, can shuffle, or play them sequentially. There is an iPod/iPhone connector cable that uses the VIDEO/LD setting on the amplifier; IMPORTANT: set iPod volume high. The cassette player no longer seems to record.

There are remote controls for the stereo/CD, the HDTV, both DVD/VHS players, and the bedroom A/C.

The bathroom vents via a switch to the *right* of the door on entry, though the actual fan is on the upper left. Please do not leave the fan on after you done with the shower or when you go out of the bathroom.

- The light for the bathroom is via a pull-string above the mirror.
- Dining room lights are to the right of the armoire.
- Living room lights are the two sets of sconces and the standing lamp.
- The kitchen light switch is to the right of the refrigerator.

The key to the outdoor lock is on the upper right of the threshold on a small hook.

Lights in the bedroom are on table lamps on each dresser and above the bulletin board.

No building over 160 years old in constant use is without quirks. E.g., in exchange for a grand-fathered high water-pressure in the shower, the basin drains slowly. The pipes are from the 1920s, extremely narrow, below the tub, and utterly unreachable for upgrade. The ventilation fan next to the deck is noisy when it starts. And every time we fix some small item, another one shows up. We can almost guarantee there will be a small item that will crop up; we will always try to attend immediately. But despite these "infelicities," you are getting a classic dwelling from a bygone era, in a unique location, and in awfully good shape.

Please do not hesitate to call, text, or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you and enjoy your visit!