

## Daily Expectations & House Rules & Culture

We thrive when we walk in unity, maturity, and mutual respect. Here's what's expected of every client at the Gift House:

- Attend all 12-step meetings, Bible studies, and classes. Secure a sponsor and actively work the steps.
- Seek employment or educational advancement (GED, vocational, etc.)
- Maintain respectful, considerate behavior always. Dress appropriately.
- Remain free of all mood- and mind-altering substances
- No pets are allowed for any reason
- Rooms must be clean and ready for inspection. Practice personal hygiene.
- Maintain an attitude of gratitude. Use wisdom, humility, and common sense
- Do not bully, gossip, or isolate. Avoid a victim mentality—own your recovery
- Be open to correction and feedback
- No violence, threats, intimidation, or physical horseplay toward any client, visitor, or staff member at any time. Weapons of any kind are strictly prohibited on the property.
- No cursing, bullying, name-calling, or foul language.
- Everyone is expected to show respect and treat others with kindness.
- No sleeping in common areas. Naps during downtime are allowed for up to 1 hour.
- One drink cup is allowed in bedrooms—no food or additional drinks.
- Beds must be made daily, and rooms must be kept clean and orderly.
- Pornographic material is not allowed on the property.
- Pants must be worn at the waistline. Inappropriate clothing with drug/alcohol references, gang signs, or sexually explicit/offensive graphics is not allowed for visitors or clients.
- Clients are responsible for own items. GH is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged belongings. Theft of any kind will result in immediate dismissal and may be reported to authorities.
- Clients may not enter any bedroom that is not their own.
- House phone use is limited to 15 minutes per call.
- Quiet time begins at 10 PM. TV, music, and conversation volume must be kept low out of respect for others.
- Do not share personal information about other clients. House issues are only to be discussed with staff or your sponsor. Gossip is not tolerated.
- Each client may have one personal vehicle on the property after 30 days. Proof of license, registration, and insurance must be submitted to management.
- No pets are allowed on the property for any reason.
- Clients must check the daily schedule and be on time for all scheduled events.
- Alcohol, drugs, or mood-altering substances are not allowed on the property.
- Personal items must be removed within 24 hours of termination or departure, or they will be donated or discarded.
- A two-week notice must be given if you plan to leave. If you leave without notice, the 24-hour rule still applies to your belongings.
- Interrupting others is disrespectful. Be patient and wait your turn in conversation.
- If phone use begins to interfere with your recovery, it may be limited or removed.
- If your chore for the week is the yard, it must be done by Thursday at 6 PM.
- Always treat others with dignity. Speak with love or not at all. If you're struggling, let a staff member help guide you.
- Romantic or sexual relationships are not allowed between residents or between residents and staff/volunteers. Any behavior that appears romantic, sexual, or intimate—physical or digital—is prohibited. Residents must report any inappropriate behavior or boundary concerns to staff immediately.
- Park only in designated areas. Do not block neighbors' driveways, mailboxes, or roadways.
- Smoking/vaping is permitted only in the outside smoke room.
- Keep outdoor gatherings calm, respectful, and quiet. No loud music, arguing, or disruptive behavior.
- Foul or inappropriate language is not allowed anywhere on the property or during program activities. Violations will result in accountabilities. Visitors who use inappropriate language may not be allowed back.
- Keep the porch, yard, and surrounding areas clean and free of trash or personal items. This will be a rotated weekly chore between residents.