



FACILITY RULES AND REGULATIONS

CONTRACTS AND FEES

- A rental contract signed by both Salisbury House Foundation staff and the renting client, a signed copy of these facility rules and regulations, a non-refundable rental deposit, and a refundable security deposit are required to guarantee a date on the Salisbury House calendar.
- Rental contract fees are time based, per our rental rates chart. Contracted time includes set-up and clean-up and is calculated from the time the first person associated with the event arrives to the time that the last person associated with the event leaves the premises. Overtime incurred outside of hours contracted (due to arriving early and/or by staying late) will be charged at 1.5 times the rate of the last hour contracted and will be taken out of the security deposit. Overtime fees will be assessed in one hour increments outside of hours contracted and includes overtime incurred by clients, guests, and vendors. It is the responsibility of the client to notify vendors and guests of contracted time limits.
- The non-refundable rental deposit will be equal to 50% of the contracted rental fee, and will be due at the time of contract signing. All other rental fees will be due 30 days before the contracted event date. Failure to make final payment 30 days before the event will result in the event being cancelled from the calendar and conversion of your security and rental deposits to tax deductible contributions to Salisbury House Foundation.
- In addition to the rental deposit, a refundable security deposit is due at the time of contract signing and will be taken based on the nature of the event, as follows:
 - \$1000 for events where food and alcohol are served
 - \$750 for events where food only is served (beverages allowed but no alcohol)
 - \$500 for events where no food or alcohol is served
- The refundable security deposit will be returned within 30 days after successful completion of your event with no property damage and no overtime incurred.
- An additional \$500 fee is charged for events contracted in affiliation with a Federal Holiday (this includes holiday weekends immediately adjacent to a Friday or Monday Federal Holiday).
- Salisbury House maintains a list of approved pianists who are allowed to play the Salisbury House Steinway piano. Clients wishing to reserve the Salisbury House piano for an event will be assessed a tuning fee at a cost of \$125. Three months advance notice is required in order to reserve the piano for an event. This timeframe will allow Salisbury House staff the ability to schedule tuning with our certified Steinway technician. Tuning fees will be assessed at the time of final payment.
- Functions where alcohol will be served to parties of 30 or more people will require event security at a rate of \$35 per hour, for a minimum of four hours.
- Salisbury House offers the option of hanging bistro lighting over select areas on the property. Salisbury House will provide set up and break down of the bistro lighting in these areas; a general site map outlining how the lights will be strung is available upon request. Applicable fees associated with each of the specified areas are as follows:
 - \$400 – South Patio
 - \$500 – Cobblestone Courtyard
 - \$650 – South Garden

- Interpreters may be available for House tours at a cost of \$50 per guided tour (maximum of 20 people per guide; maximum of 60 people overall) or \$2 per person for self guided tours with interpreters stationed throughout the House to interact with guests and speak about the history of Salisbury House and the museum collections. All tours should be scheduled at least four weeks in advance.
- Salisbury House maintains a list of approved caterers. Clients wishing to work with non-approved caterers will be charged a fee of \$500. Salisbury House reserves the right to refuse non-approved caterers, and will require proof of insurance and compliance with food safe principles for any non-approved caterer on the property.
- If an incident occurs during an event that requires the use of professional cleaning supplies or services, an additional fee of \$500 will be assessed to the client and will be taken from the security deposit.
- Event cancellations must be communicated to Salisbury House staff in writing three business days before the contracted event date. Fees paid beyond the 50% non-refundable rental deposit will be returned within 30 days of such written notice. Cancellations made within three business days of the contracted event date will result in forfeiture of all paid fees. Forfeited funds in the event of a cancellation will be considered a tax-deductible contribution to Salisbury House Foundation.
- Salisbury House reserves the right to refuse rentals on the basis of availability, safety or inappropriateness of the proposed event as it pertains to Salisbury House's nonprofit and nonpartisan status, mission, and standards of quality as determined by Salisbury House management.

MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY LEVELS

- The following table provides maximum occupancy of indoor and outdoor spaces available for rent at Salisbury House. Client agrees to not exceed these levels. Outdoor events that exceed indoor capacity levels will require renting clients to plan for alternative options *in advance* should inclement weather arise.

	Common Room (Indoor)	Great Hall (Indoor)	Dining Room (Indoor)	Indian Room (Indoor)	Historic Garage (Indoor)	Cobblestone Courtyard (Outdoor)	South Gardens (Outdoor)	East Terrace (Outdoor)	South Terrace (Outdoor)
Round Seating	64	24	N/A	64	40	80	Varies	180	150
Theater Seating	90	30	N/A	90	90	90	300	190	190
Buffet Seating	70	48	12	64	60	80	Varies	180	150
Dimensions	41'x21'	36'x21'	22'x18'	23'x45'	19'x49'	43'x42'	153'x21' (each side)	38'x94'	75'x31'

PROVIDED GOODS AND SERVICES

- Rental fees entitle renting clients to have the following goods and services provided directly by Salisbury House staff:
 - Event staff on site appropriate to the size and duration of the event
 - Heated and air-conditioned indoor event areas
 - One-hour rehearsal included with wedding ceremony rentals (must be booked at least 60 days prior to event date and is subject to SHF staff approval & availability)

- Two rooms for dressing and wardrobe changes
- On-site parking for approximately 60 cars; additional street parking is available on Tonawanda Drive
- Salisbury House has the following complimentary items available for use during private events; Salisbury House will provide setup and breakdown of these items:

Items Available	Qty Available	Indoor Use	Outdoor Use
60" round tables	10	X	
30" high top cocktail tables	6	X	
4' x 4' card tables	2	X	
8' rectangular tables	6	X	X
6' rectangular tables	2	X	X
black folding chairs with padded seats	130	X	
easels	3	X	
projector screen	1	X	
projector stand	1	X	
music stands	8	X	
white plastic garden chairs	300		X
power boxes w/cables connected to Salisbury House power	5		X

EXCLUDED GOODS AND SERVICES

- Rental fees *do not* include the following goods and services, which must be independently contracted by renting clients at their own expense. Salisbury House staff will provide approved or recommended vendors for all of these goods and services upon client request:
 - Tableware (silverware, glassware, etc.)
 - Table Linens
 - Catering
 - Bartending
 - Music
 - Specialized lighting (e.g. spotlights, up lighting, tent lighting) beyond permanent House fixtures
 - Extension cords to connect to outdoor power boxes
 - Mosquito Spraying
 - Photography
 - Flowers
 - Outdoor table/chair rental
 - PA Systems
 - Valet Parking
 - Golf Carts
 - Tents
 - Dance Floors
 - Portable Restrooms

RULES OF THE HOUSE AND GROUNDS

- Renting clients are responsible for all actions of any party involved in or attending their contracted event, including guests and all vendors.
- Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Salisbury House is a historic house museum. All architectural features (indoor and outdoor), furnishings, decor and artwork on exhibit are original to the family that lived here and are part of the museum collection; these items are rare, fragile, and irreplaceable. We respectfully ask clients and guests to abide by the following Salisbury House museum rules:
 - Do not touch, move or modify any House objects, furnishings, walls or structures beyond those specifically contracted as part of the rental event – including collection items, artwork, furniture, walls, or windows; skin oils can damage them.
 - Photography is welcome – no flash.
 - Exceptions for use of flash/specialty lighting are made for professional event photographers only with the understanding that paintings and textiles may not be shot directly with flash.
 - Videography is prohibited.
 - Exceptions for use of video are made for professional event videographers only.
 - Do not open closed doors.
 - Do not enter areas that are roped off, blocked off, or have doors shut and lights turned out. Entrance into these areas is prohibited without permission from Salisbury House staff.
 - Do not sit on furnishings – including chairs, window sills, benches, or beds.
 - No food or beverage beyond designated areas.
- Permission for photographers/videographers to use drones must be secured in advance of event date as additional guidelines and requirements as mandated by law (not listed here) must be fulfilled prior to permission being granted to use such devices on Salisbury House property.
- Outdoor photography within the contracted rental time is unlimited.
- Indoor photography within the contracted rental time is allowed, though certain areas may have restrictions in terms of lighting or access.
- Photographs may not be reproduced for commercial purposes without written permission from Salisbury House.
- Images of Salisbury House may be used on a one-time basis for non-commercial printed invitations to attendees of the rental function. Use of such images in this fashion requires advance approval of Salisbury House.
- Salisbury House staff wants the House to serve as a perfect backdrop for your event, but the nature of historic homes means that there may be construction or maintenance work ongoing on certain parts of the House at the time of your event. Every effort will be taken to minimize impact.
- Certain rooms and outdoor spaces in Salisbury House may not be accessible to guests with mobility issues; every effort to make accommodations will be made, though the historic nature of the House makes it impossible to render every space accessible.
- All plans for décor are subject to approval and are limited to the designated event spaces. Nothing may be affixed to any interior or exterior surface of the House without advance approval. No signage or banners may be placed on Museum grounds. All decorative items must be fireproof.
- Smoking is not allowed anywhere indoors. Outdoor smoking may be permitted by special arrangement in designated areas at least 40 feet from any windows and doors leading into the House.

- No candles, lanterns, torches, candelabras or any other items with an open flame are permitted within the museum or on Salisbury House property. LED or other battery-powered candles are acceptable option, so long as they do not use halogen or other high-heat bulbs.
- No weapons or firearms are allowed on Salisbury House property.
- Application of hairspray, cologne, perfumes, aerosol sprays, and make-up is allowed *only* in designated dressing rooms (if provided for your event), the public restrooms located on the first floor of the museum, or by stepping outdoors.
- Dancing is permitted outdoors in areas where a portable dance floor is used or on the limestone terrace; dance floors are not permitted in the Lower South Gardens. All indoor dancing is limited to the Historic Garage.
- Tents are permitted on the South Terrace and on the East Terrace. Requests for tents on any other areas of the property must be submitted to Salisbury House for approval.
- Final guest count, all event details, and contact information for outside vendors must be provided a minimum of two weeks prior to the event.
- Scheduling delivery and set-up of rental items (i.e. tent, dance floor, rented tables, rented chairs) must be pre-approved by Salisbury House and are dependent on other scheduled events; unscheduled drop-offs outside of contracted rental time may result in overtime fees being taken from the security deposit.
- It is required that a rental party representative be onsite to meet your vendors. Salisbury House staff will assist with guiding vendors to the correct set up area, but are not permitted to sign for deliveries and will not be responsible for handling, setting up, or taking down rental property provided by outside vendors. Clients are responsible for all rental companies and will be held responsible for any damage or overtime they may cause.
- Clients and vendors are responsible for having all items removed at the end of the contracted rental time. It is the responsibility of the client to communicate this with all vendors. Depending on other scheduled Salisbury House events, exception may be made for larger rental items such as tents, tables, and chairs with advance approval from Salisbury House staff.
- Salisbury House assumes no responsibility for damage or loss of any merchandise or articles left on premise before, during, or after your event.
- Cars are not permitted to be left on the property after the conclusion of your event without advance approval from Salisbury House event staff.
- No rice, birdseed or confetti may be thrown anywhere in the House or on the grounds.
- For outdoor events, real flower petals may be tossed or used as decoration. For indoor events, silk flower petals may be tossed or used as decoration and must be collected by the client in their entirety upon conclusion of the event.
- No glitter (including decorations with glitter).
- No fireworks of any kind (including sparklers).
- Floral arrangements and foliage used indoor must come from a professional florist or pest free nursery.
- Vases and containers holding water, liquids, flowers or greenery being used indoor may only be set on rental tables, the Admissions desk, the Common Room trestle table if padded, and the Great Hall refectory table if padded. The surfaces of *all* other furnishings within the House (including window sills) are considered part of the museum collection and should not be used.
- It is required that Salisbury House event staff be present while all clients, guests and vendors are in the house or on the property; overtime fees will be charged if anyone on behalf of your event arrives early and/or stays late (beyond time as outlined in the rental contract). It is the responsibility of the client to notify vendors and guests of contracted time limits.

- As Salisbury House is located in a residential area, City sound restrictions require that all music must cease promptly at or before 10:00pm. City zoning restrictions also require that all amplified sound on the property must not exceed 60 decibels between the hours of 7:00am – 10:00pm; event staff will check sound levels with meters and will require that music be turned down if this threshold is exceeded. Failure of client and/or DJ to comply with adjusting sound levels upon request of Salisbury House staff will result in client forfeiting their security deposit in its entirety.
- Clients, all guests, and all vendors must depart Salisbury House property by the end of the contracted rental time. Contracted time cannot exceed past 11:00pm.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE

- Food and beverage service must be provided by a licensed, professional caterer that can demonstrate training in and adherence with proper food handling and safety procedures.
- A certificate of insurance must be provided by each caterer for all events; Salisbury House staff will provide caterers with required levels and limits for each event.
- Chocolate fountains are not permitted.
- Fondue stations are not permitted.
- Salisbury House is not licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages. If alcoholic beverages are served on the premises, clients, guests, caterers and vendors must comply with all applicable laws and liquor regulations and acquire all permits required by the laws of the State of Iowa or other government agencies.
- Clients are required to indemnify, protect and hold harmless Salisbury House Foundation and its respective officers, agents and employees from and against any and all losses, costs, claims, demands and expenses arising out of client's use of Salisbury House's facilities resulting from the provision of alcoholic beverages at the event.
- All caterers must provide a bartender for those events where alcoholic beverages are served. Self-serve or client and guest staffed bars are not permitted.
- Under-age drinking is expressly prohibited, and bartenders will be instructed to request identification should they believe under-aged individuals have access to alcoholic beverages; any client requesting that under-aged guests be served alcohol will result in the bar being closed.
- Guests may not carry alcoholic beverages onto or off of the premises.
- Bottled and canned beer may be served anywhere on the property; keg beer is not permitted.
- White and sparkling wine may be served in any designated event area. Red wine service may be limited to outdoor service only and requires advance approval by Salisbury House staff, with consideration given to the nature and setup of the event.
- Food and beverage is restricted to designated areas.
- During events where alcohol is served, clients are responsible for monitoring the alcohol consumption of guests and to take immediate and appropriate action to safeguard guests and property of Salisbury House.
- Alcohol may not be served after 10:00pm. Failure to comply with closing the bar at or before 10:00pm will result in client forfeiting their security deposit in its entirety.
- All events serving alcohol to parties of 30 or more are required to have a uniformed, security guard on site until all guests have departed the house and left the premises; Salisbury House will hire the security guard to be paid for by the client.