

ARRIVAL:

Water Heater (in hallway closet):

1. Locate red-handle valve (back wall, waist-high). Flip red valve handle away from you so tip is pointed to back wall – lever will now be parallel to pipe.
2. Locate blue-handle valve (right wall, about 6.5 feet up). Rotate switch counter-clockwise. – switch will now be parallel to pipe.
3. Flip “Water Heater” breaker to ON – breaker box is next to thermostat behind the painting of 4 palm trees.

Air conditioning:

1. Above thermostat in hallway is Honeywell Relative Humidity Controller. Set to “ON” and leave there.
2. Set thermostat to desired temperature.

Miscellaneous:

1. Move bikes to bike rack, located to the left behind hedge as you exit building into parking lot. Never park them outside front door. Combination is 6755 for both bike locks.
2. Move outdoor furniture and plant outside, if inside. Anywhere in front of condo is OK.
3. Don’t forget to remove plastic from toilet.
4. Do NOT use external ice dispenser. Take ice out of freezer manually.
5. Laundry room is on 2nd floor directly opposite the elevator. Need a key.
6. Storage room is on 3rd floor directly above laundry room. Our storage space is marked “A4.” Combination is 675.
7. Park in visitors parking. Never a problem.
8. Extra keys are in top left drawer in kitchen.

DEPARTURE:

Water:

1. Turn red-handle valve to closed position – perpendicular to pipe.
2. Turn blue-handle valve to closed position – perpendicular to pipe.
3. Flip “Water Heater” breaker to OFF.
4. Run water in kitchen and bathroom to drain pipes.
5. Replace stopper in kitchen sink.

Air conditioning:

1. Important: Make sure thermostat is set to “Auto” and “Cool.”
2. Set thermostat to 80.
3. Set Humidity controller to “50”.

Miscellaneous:

1. Bring inside: Bikes, table, 2 chairs, welcome mat
2. Food: all freezable perishables to freezer, the rest to trash.
3. Empty water from Keurig.
4. Empty trash.
5. Cover toilet with plastic.
6. Put stopper in kitchen sink.
7. Put new sheets on (found in closet). Wash old ones if you have time.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Smith Home: 203-341-0429 Mike: 203-858-1171 Kathy: 203-451-3652

Address: 761 John Ringling Blvd
Arlington Building, Unit 4
Sarasota, FL 34236.

Parking Space: 49 – our car is there now.

Wi-Fi Network: MOTOROLA-E4A9F

Wi-Fi Security code: dysfunctional

Bike lock combination: 6755

Kayak lock combination: 6755. Our kayaks are white and yellow, with “A4” stickers.

Third floor storage lock: 675

Cleaning – Debbie 941-465-7219

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS:

1. Everything you need is in the condo. Just open all the cabinets and closets and you'll find what you need. Check the inventory page on the website.
2. Beach stuff is in the 3rd floor storage room. Unit A4. Combination 675.
3. Grill is out by the water. Please don't walk on the grass to get to it. Use the sidewalks. Open the valve on the propane tank to use grill.
4. Be sure to clean grill and close propane tank valve when finished. It is OK to move grill all the way to the condo if windy or rainy. Just remember to take it back.
5. As you exit the building into parking lot, trashcans and bike racks are to your immediate left behind the sidewalk and hedge.
6. If you are walking to Armand circle, it is quicker to take the back way by the kayaks to John Ringling Blvd.
7. Walk along the sidewalk by the water to reach the heated pool.
8. When you are in Armand Circle, the church (neon cross on top) is your landmark to get back on John Ringling Blvd to come back to condo.
9. Smoking is fine outside. Please do not smoke inside.
10. In the 2nd kitchen drawer on the left, there are papers, numbers, business cards, rolls of quarters, etc. that might be useful, e.g. cleaning lady.

RECOMMENDED NEARBY RESTAURANTS:

ARMAND CIRCLE

1. Tommy Bahama – should go there at least once. Good bar, good food, good music on Thurs, Fri, Saturday. One of the bartenders is from Norwalk.
2. Columbia – been there forever. Fun, big, very busy place. The tapas for 3 or 4 are good.
3. Crab and Fin – Nice outdoor seating. Very popular. Mixed reviews from guests, some love it, some not. Tuna tartare was not the best.
4. Madison Avenue Deli – ride the bike there, sit outside, drink coffee, eat pastries, read the NY papers, people watch.
5. Daiquiri Deck – if you do go, don't do the happy hour. Rip off.
6. Mexico Lindo – Sat at the bar. Chips and salsa OK. Had a large margarita and Caesar Salad, Mexican style. Pretty good, not great. Didn't try any real entrees.
7. Shore Diner – first restaurant you get to on the right walking into the Circle. Located upstairs. Upscale, excellent food.
8. Surf Shack – Good happy hour. Be sure to ask for the spicy popcorn. Fun honky tonk atmosphere.
9. Blue Dolphin – 1st restaurant on the left heading into circle. Better than diner-quality breakfast.
10. 15 South Ristorante Enoteca – Good live music upstairs. Acoustic jazz combo Monday nights, Latin Dancing on weekends. Bar downstairs looks nice. OK Italian food throughout. See photo gallery.

DOWNTOWN

1. C'est La Vie - downtown Sarasota. Very nice French Bistro for breakfast or lunch. The Croque Madame is excellent.
2. Marina Jack's – just over the bridge. Very nice outdoor seating. Solid food. Nice for lunch. Live music at night.
3. O'Leary's Tiki Bar – next door to Marina Jack's. Outdoor bar with tables, palm tree, etc. Funky place for a drink – lots of characters. Only had the bar food and margaritas, but enjoyable.
4. Selva Grill – downtown. Peruvian Food. Very good.
5. The Rosemary – near downtown Sarasota across Fruitville Ln. Good breakfast.
6. Mandeville Beer Garden – fun beer garden atmosphere – picnic tables, etc.
7. Owen's Fish Camp – in Burns District. Funky place with lots of memorabilia from its days as a Fish Camp, whatever that is. Art Cinema next door.
8. Boca – excellent food, trendy, younger crowd (for Sarasota), can be noisy.
9. Duval's – excellent seafood. Expensive.
10. Two Señoritas – not very good Mexican food, but cool interior. Spotty service.
11. MoZaic – kind of California style. Mike liked it, Kathy not so crazy about it.

SIESTA KEY

1. Drive down the main drag in town and there are numerous bars, honky-tonks with live music, mostly Dad-rock. No Michelin-starred restaurants here, but fun.
2. The Cottage – one of the places with better food. Nice service, bar.
3. Ophelia's – Super-romantic spot on the bay with nice gardens, gourmet food. Very nice.

LONGBOAT KEY

1. Old Salty Dog – take the road to Longboat Key and turn right just before the big bridge. Across the street from Mote Aquarium. Outdoor seating on the water. Good service. Grouper sandwich is excellent. Careful ordering vegetables; the green beans were canned.
2. New Pass Grill – next door to Old Salty Dog. Best Bacon-Egg-Cheese sandwich in the world – ask for something other than American cheese.
3. Mar Vista - beautiful outdoor seating under trees on the water. Has a bit of a Caribbean feel. Just before the bridge to Santa Maria Island.

MAINLAND SARASOTA

1. The Table Creekside - excellent restaurant, with a very talented South American chef. Outdoor dining on Phillipi Creek. Delicious but expensive.
2. Cinebistro - Very good food to eat in the awesome movie theater. Great place to see a movie.
3. Bravo – same shopping center as Cinebistro. Pretty good, but we usually just end up eating in the theater.

DAY TRIPS, THINGS TO DO:

Lido Beach

Walk to St. Armand Circle for breakfast, and then go to Lido Beach (a couple blocks past the circle). There is a parking lot with a pavilion where you can buy food and drinks, rent beach chairs and umbrellas (if you don't bring the ones from the condo) and find restrooms. Then walk back to the circle in time for happy hour. Afterwards, you can cool off at the pool back at the condo. Or you can just drive. Plenty of parking.

Siesta Key Beach

It is a 15-20 minute car ride but worth the trip. It reminds me of Jones Beach but nicer sand. The sand is white and powdery and doesn't get hot.

Downtown Sarasota

Very easy to get to by bike, and biking around downtown is fun. Driving is fine, because parking is not a huge problem. Lots of shopping. There is a Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings and first Friday is supposed to be a lot of fun too.

Eco-Boat Tours at Mote Marine Lab

Takes you on a tour of the keys. You see lots of sea life, a bird rook and lots of multi-million dollar homes. You can go to the New Pass Grill before for the best BEC sandwich or go to the Salty Dog afterwards for lunch on the bay. Both are across the street. It is an easy bike ride to get to or you can drive.

Kayak and paddleboard:

Our kayaks are in the racks, clearly marked with "A4." Life jackets and paddles are in the storage bin upstairs. Follow the shore by the expensive houses and go under the bridge to a cool lagoon and then up a little canal toward Armand circle.

If you get a chance, definitely do a self-guided tour of the mangrove tunnels (with their kayaks.) It's really fun. Here is the one we use:

Adventure Kayak Outfitters

<http://www.adventurekayakoutfitters.com/>

941-779-7426

Biking:

The bikes are in good shape and we use them a lot. Helmets and pump are in the closet. Biking over the causeway to downtown is very easy with wide bike lanes, or you can just walk them on the pedestrian walk. For the more ambitious, there is a bike ride to Venice built onto the old rail bed. Paved and a pretty easy 15 miles. Can have lunch and ride back. This is the link to the [Sarasota Legacy Trail](#).

Golf

All the country clubs want bodies on their courses. Use the GolfNow App to book tee times at a deep discount.

Tennis

We enjoy playing tennis on Long Boat Key. There are clinics and round robins almost every day at a very reasonable cost - \$15 or \$20. Court time is also inexpensive.

[Longboat Key Public Tennis Center](#)

590 Bay Isles Rd

Longboat Key, FL

(941) 316-8367

Theatre

Definitely make reservations to see a play or other performance. We see many productions at Florida Studio Theater downtown. It's not Broadway, but it's pretty good. Here is a link to where you can find out what is going on or just Google it.

http://www.visitsarasotaarts.org/performing-arts/theatre?gclid=CjwKEAjwluetBRD98L639p35p0QsJACC8BkLpLQA4j93k2QgmBzRqPjqCPM4S8WS0UG0GNdvU7_bRoCupbw_wcB

And don't miss the [Ringling Museum of Art](#). Check out the events or just go there and stroll through the grounds and museums.