

Dreaded fees come to vacation rentals

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First, there was a \$25 “check-in” fee when she arrived, which, though disclosed in the fine print of her contract, was unexpected. And then there was a mandatory \$200 “cleaning” fee for her unit after she checked out. Neither was part of the original price. Rhonda Moret’s vacation rental in Park City, Utah, came with a few surprises.

To add insult to injury, a construction crew in a nearby unit woke her at 7am, on her first morning at the mountain resort.

Don’t look now, but vacation rental companies are piling on the fees, many of them pure junk. Among the most common: booking fees, change fees, cleaning fees, hot tub fees, parking fees, reservation fees and – everyone’s favorite – amorphous “convenience” fees.

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