

LA RUCHE (chezkrista.com)

My landline from in France: 09 88 66 78 75 or from US: 011 33 9 88 66 78 75

Local emergency numbers (can be dialed from house phone)

Medical: dial 15 (“SAMU”)

Police: dial 17

Firefighters: dial 18 (Pompiers)

General Europe Emergencies: dial 112

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Bedrooms

Each bed has at least two sets of sheets. Please put them away in the same place after laundering, because all the beds and pillows are different sizes for the most part. In general I leave a mattress protector on the beds while I'm away, so that's probably how you will find the beds – you can just put a fitted sheet on top of the mattress protector.

Other than the den/family room's sofa bed, all sheets, pillows, and pillowcases for all upstairs beds are kept in the Master Guest Room.

Master Guest Room: up the stairs and to the right

Queen sheets, comforter, and pillows are in the blue trunk and plastic bags that are to the right when you walk in facing the bed - e.g. the blue trunk behind your right shoulder when you face the bed.

Mezzanine: twin bed at the top of the stairs

Twin sheets (mostly brown), comforter, and pillows are in the blue trunk in Master Guest Room that is to the left when you walk in to the Master Guest room facing the bed.

Krista's Room: up the stairs and to the left

Sheets (white), comforter, and pillows are with the Master Guest Room bedding in that trunk and plastic bag (see Master Guest Room). Note that the mattress size in my room is a little smaller (double versus queen) so some sheets may be a little large for the bed, but that's ok. There may be some stuff for Krista's room in with the Mezzanine stuff.

Family Room/Den: queen sofa bed in the room off the main living area

Sheets (mostly green) and comforter are in the brown wardrobe in the family room; pillows are actually in the sofa bed when you first start to pull it out – which you do by pulling the top of the back of the sofa towards you, NOT by pulling out the bottom cushion.

The upstairs bedrooms have skylights that open and shut, and that have shades you can slide up and down.

Coasters

...are in the drawer of the low coffee table to the immediate left of the woodstove.

Cleaning Supplies

Some in the kitchen under the sink, some in the bathroom in the white cabinet by the toilet and behind the stairs.

Coffee Maker

The cover, manual and filters for the coffee machine are in the drawer just under where the coffee machine sits (top drawer to the left of the kitchen sink).

Electricity

The electricity is always on because of the fridge and the wifi. Occasionally during heavy use (e.g. when multiple space heaters are on and the hairdryer and all the lights), the electricity could go out. If that happens, it's easy to put back on.

- Go out to the far end of the house (nearest the street) with a flashlight and the padlock key. Just inside the door right by the road, you'll see an electricity box on the right.
- The large (grey) button will have popped out. Press it back in. That's it!

In case of emergency, the electrician is Alexandre Bretiniere and his mobile is 06.88.46.69.26. (From an American cell phone dial or text 011 33 6 88 46 69 26.) He does not really speak English but if you can say "Kreesta" (my name but with a long e sound) he will get the drift. Ideally say "Kreesta San Preevay problem" to approximate my name and town and mimic the word for problem. He lives very nearby. (You can always call me too and I can reach him.)

Fire Extinguishers

There is one in the middle mezzanine upstairs, and one by the trashcan down in the kitchen.

Flashlights

I keep several around, including one at the top of the stairs and one inside by the front door on the kitchen island. Please just try to put them back where you find them.

Gas (see also Stove)

If you aren't going to cook, you don't care about the gas and it should remain off. But if you are going to cook, the stovetop and the left oven are powered by gas and you need to turn it on.

The low white cabinet just to the left of the stove has the gas bottle inside. Before you cook for the first time, you need to turn on the connection from the bottle to the stove.

- Towards the back side of the lid on the gas bottle, there is a small black switch. It does not move up or down or left or right. You rotate it as you would turn a key -- but gently and just 180 degrees.
- You may need a little flashlight to see around the top of the gas bottle and make sure you find it first – if the red side is up, the gas is on, and if the green side is up, the gas is off. (***Don't overmanipulate the canister or you may kink/break the hose. Just reach behind it to rotate the switch.***)

Eventually the gas in the bottle empties and you will need to change it out. All this requires is lifting the lid (which is attached to the hose) off the top of the gas bottle.

- Make sure the gas is off first (see above).
- Then squeeze in on the two lid buttons at the same time (the one you used to turn the gas off, and the one opposite it on the lid). Squeeze them in simultaneously and lift the top straight off.
- Then with the lid/hose now disconnected, you will be able to remove the empty bottle from the cabinet.
- Now for the new full bottle. I always keep a full bottle behind the garbage can in the kitchen. Set it down in the cabinet where the old one was, and replace the lid/hose by simply placing the lid/hose combination on top of the bottle, and press down until it clicks. No need to squeeze the buttons this time – just push the lid down until it clicks on. Make sure it seems secure, and then you can turn the gas back on.

- You may need to encourage gas flow from the new bottle by pressing on the green button once or twice.

If at any time you smell an odor of gas, do NOT turn the gas back on. If it is on, turn it off immediately. Open windows. Do not light the woodstove or any candles until you're 100% sure there is no gas leak. You can call the electrician (see Electricity) or the firefighters by dialing 18 from the house phone.

Please replace the gas if you use a lot. You can order canisters on gazissimo.fr for delivery and they will retrieve the empty canisters too. I have an account, so ask me and I can place the order. You can also take the empties to Atac in Buxy and exchange them for full ones, but that's obviously less convenient.

Hammock

It's kept in the barn (side facing away from the house) in a green bag. The hooks are always on the trees, so you just take it out and attach it to the hooks that are already there. It looks like it hangs high, but it's not as high as it seems. I recommend you put the pillow on the side closer to the house, to minimize the chance you get hit on the head by a falling pear.

Heaters

There is a space heater in each upstairs bedroom. There are two others that are usually downstairs somewhere. Heat rises during the day so you're unlikely to need the upstairs ones much. Please unplug them when you go out for long periods, especially the upstairs ones, to reduce both cost and fire hazard.

FYI the curtain between the main living room and the den is very thermal so keeping it closed helps heat the main room in colder weather.

Hot Water

The hot water will be off when you arrive. It will take several hours to heat up.

Take the cellar key (see Keys) and just on the inside of the cellar door above your right shoulder when you walk in, you'll see a blue and white control box. The correct switch is the one marked Eau Chauffe. Just flip it on.

Keys

If you don't have a key when you arrive, you will find one in the lockbox. There are actually two keys in there; the top lock is the daily one; the lower one (older and larger of the two keys) is just for opening and closing the house – I use it only when I am gone for a prolonged period.

I will give you the code to the lockbox if needed.

- The daily key mentioned above opens the front door, terrace door, and inner glass door in the den (all three main doors).
- The two outer "barn doors" on the house are opened with the one padlock key. On the same keychain is the mailbox key. Mail is across the street.

- The cellar has its own key (big ancient kind).

One copy of all keys is inside in the wooden box by the front door labeled “Tresses.” One additional copy of the main key is hanging by the sink in the “den.”

Lights (Indoor)

There are three overhead lights in the main room:

- one to the left of the front door if you're facing it
- one against the wall on a cord next to the trashcan under the kitchen island
- one by the kitchen sink.

There is an overhead light in the “den.” There is an overhead light for the upstairs stairwell with two switches: one right at the foot of the stairs, and one partially hidden on the right side of the green wardrobe in the mezzanine upstairs.

Other lights should be obvious. There are lightbulbs in the wooden cabinet under the kitchen window.

Lights (Outdoor)

Besides the little solar lights by the barn in the grass, there are two exterior lights, one on each side of the house.

- On the driveway side, the light is above the middle door (which is the exterior barn door for the den); the switch is right there on the outside of the house to the left of that door, and can also be reached from the front porch if you lean over the railing to your right as you face the house.
- There is a light over the terrace. The switch is not attached to the wall; it's inside the vase that sits on the cupboard where the plates and silverware are kept, just inside the terrace door.

I've never left either of these lights on overnight as they may disturb the neighbors. There is also a street light that is controlled by the village – I think it's on until 11pm or so.

Manuals

With the exception of the coffee maker (see Coffee Maker), all manuals are at the top of the bathroom stairs in the white cabinet up to your right. Use care when opening as the cabinet is not attached to anything.

Music/Radio

There is a Bose speaker next to one of the sofas that you can use with your iphone (or the one that's there). There is also a portable Bluetooth speaker in the drawer of the little table that the Bose is on. There is also a radio/CD player in the window cupboard behind the other sofa.

Phone

My landline is downstairs to the left of the stove. Calling anywhere in France is free.

Sheets

See Bedrooms

Sofa Bed

In the den. You hold the top of the back seat cushions and pull towards you (not the back of the bottom seat cushion as with most American sofa beds).

Stove

If there is anything I care about in the house, it's probably in the kitchen. The stove is number one on the list by a country mile. Please take great care not to scratch, dent, or break it. Even cleaning it requires a gentle touch.

There is a detailed stove manual (see Manuals). The right oven is electric and the left oven is gas. The burners are all gas. See section on Gas.

To use the electric side of the oven (right oven), you need to do nothing at all other than turn the dial.

For everything else, you are dealing with gas. Read before doing! I also have a video in French or in English that is only 25 seconds and makes it very easy - ask me if you want it.

The general idea is to press the knob in for the burner you want, and turn it gently to the left a quarter turn with your right hand at virtually the same time as you press in and release the button on the front left of the stove with your left hand to ignite the flame.

You need both hands for these more detailed BASIC STEPS (see Gas to ensure gas is on first):

- When you are ready, press and hold the ignition button on the far left (you will hear a little clicking and gas release). *Don't do this step without the next step; otherwise you're just releasing gas into the room.*
- Immediately but while still holding the ignition button down, use your right hand to turn on the burner you want.
- Let go of the ignition button as soon as you see the flame, but keep holding in the burner button with your right hand for about five seconds.
- Then let go slowly of the burner knob your right hand has been holding in, and adjust the flame very gently. If the flame goes out, you let go too quickly of the knob with your right hand (or turned it too much).

These are very quick steps – the whole thing takes just about ten seconds.

These stoves are extremely sensitive, but once you have the hang of lighting it, it's very easy. But they are powerful stoves too, so watch your food carefully.

When the stove gas is on for the first time, the burners on the left may light sooner than the burners on the right. It just takes time and use for the gas to reach all four burners equally from the gas bottle.

It's possible if the burners haven't been used in a while, you'll need to hold a match to them to light them the first time (and then you shouldn't have to go forward).

Cleaning the stove should be done with mild soap and a damp dishtowel or sponge (not paper towels, not windex or other chemicals), **after the stove has cooled off** (not while warm – otherwise the finish can get damaged).

The simmer plate, which is a four-pronged attachment, should be used **only** on the two left burners (if you use it).

It helps to look at little Youtube videos and at Lacanche's website before you cook. As noted above I also have a video of me turning it on and off that simplifies it greatly.

Terrace/Terrace Door

The terrace has an open woodstove/grill – just do not leave any fires unattended as sparks could easily catch the deck or the grass. Make sure all coals or wood are 100% cool and extinguished before leaving it alone. In case you didn't notice, I live at the edge of the forest!

The terrace door uses the same key as the main door (see Keys). Opening it is straightforward.

Locking it is a little trickier. To lock, pull the door handle up gently but all the way vertically (to the left); let it go, then turn the key (also to the left) until locked. Release the handle. You need to turn the key back ¼ position to horizontal to release it. Takes some practice to get the feel.

There is a light over the terrace. The switch is not attached to the wall; it's inside the vase that sits on the cupboard just inside the terrace door where the plates and silverware are kept.

The table stays outside year round. Eight chairs for the terrace are kept in the storage room at the end of the house (the side by the road).

Toilet

The toilet flushes by gently pulling the handle straight up and just letting it fall straight down.

Tools

My toolbox is in the built-in wood window cabinet in the kitchen.

Towels/Towel Warmer

Bath towels are all in the bathroom in plastic crates (there are also a couple of beach towels in there for the lake), except for the hand towels which are under the bathroom sink.

The towel warmer has a white remote control that hangs to the left of the bathroom sink on the wall. It both warms and lightly dries towels, and warms the bathroom.

When on vacation mode, which is how you will find it and how you should leave it, the remote control has a little suitcase on the screen. But while you're staying in the house, you can adjust the temperature using the settings button. The manual is located with the others (see Manuals).

Trash & Recycling

The days for garbage and recycling are at the end of this manual. They are picked up on alternating weeks, early in the morning (I put the bin out the night before). They take cardboard and plastic in the bin with the yellow lid. They do not pick up glass.

At the end of your stay, you can take all the glass (which is usually going to be empty wine bottles!) down to the bottom of the hill and just across the street, where you'll see a large green plastic egg looking thing to your right. This is where you deposit glass bottles and you'll actually see them all over the place. You will also see a dumpster next to it where you can put any garbage that is not going to be collected before you leave. Please don't leave garbage in the garbage can, or leave the garbage can out on the street because it could be there for a while if nobody is coming to the house right after you.

If the place just at the bottom of the hill is full, or if you also have plastic and paper to recycle, there is a larger set of garbage and recycling things another mile down the hill at Le Puley. Go down to the bottom of the hill, cross the intersection, and instead of looking to your right at the mini trash and recycling center, just keep going down the hill, which is the tiny little road that takes a slight left. At the bottom, there is a left hand turn where down a ways you see a car repair place and a bunch of recycling and trash bins. There they take everything and there is always room.

If you have room in the car and five extra minutes, taking the trash and recycling with you is easily done on your way to the train station.

Washer/Dryer

There is a spigot behind the washer dryer, which is located in the bathroom. Turn to the left to open the flow of water to the washing machine. (When you leave the house for good, please turn this same spigot off.)

- The **washer** is the one on the bottom. There is a small on/off power button under the main knob. Press it to power the washer on first.
- It's then straightforward to operate, with one caveat: the default wash times are often very long cycles, depending on which you choose. You can reduce the time by pressing the down button labeled Time Manager. For example, if the wash cycle shows an hour and a half on the little screen, but you are in a hurry and want just an hour of wash time, you can reduce the wash cycle to an hour by pressing the down arrow labeled Time Manager. Then you can press start (which is labeled "depart").
- The **dryer** is the one on top. To start, choose a cycle and press the button with the little arrow on it that's on the right. The button should be illuminated/flashing green if it is ready for you to press (if it's not, give the cycle knob a few spins).
- It's like an American dryer, lint tray and all, except for one thing. As is very normal in France, there is a water container in the upper left of the dryer that you have to empty. Just pull it out and empty it into the sink or bathtub before you start the dryer.

There is also a clothesline out in the orchard. Clothespins are in a plastic jar with a red lid by the washer. On a warm sunny breezy day, the clothesline can be faster than the dryer. The dryer takes a lot of electricity so don't have a bunch of other things running at the same time.

Wifi

There is only one network that will pop up on your device as an option at my house. The password is **FK4Q7KJD**. It's also printed on the back of the unit, which sits up high on a cupboard in the kitchen near the bathroom door.

Know that while there is plenty of data for ordinary use by a couple of people for a week, or maybe even more, go much beyond that and you may hit the limit of what I pay each month. In this case, I *should* get an email saying I am near the limit. If that happens and I know you'll be in the house a while longer, I'm happy to log in and re-up for you – usually 19 euros additional buys you enough more data to last for your stay, unless you want to watch videos.

Wine

I have wine in the cellar and some in the kitchen. The wine in the cellar is marked with tags indicating 1, 2, or 3 euro signs. I don't mind you drinking any of it – just keep in mind that particularly the 3 euro bottles are more expensive and in some cases may be unique, so if you drink it, please replace it with the exact bottle (if possible) or a really good similar one! I haven't gotten around to marking the wine in the kitchen yet.

Wood/Woodstove

I put the link to the instructions on the website. In a nutshell, the two sliding switches on the left of the woodstove control the airflow. Left is closed, right is open.

- the top one should be right (open) to start a fire because that is the flue
- the bottom one usually should start in the right (open) position and then you slide it to the middle or play with it to control air flow around the bottom of the fire.

First, make sure the flue is open and the ash tray (bottom compartment) is empty. Get your fire going with the glass door closed (actually it should be ***always*** closed except when you're putting a new log in). Everything you need is to the right of the woodstove and there are more logs in the barn.

The knob to open and close the glass door gets hot. To open and close it you use the short iron tool I keep just at the right of the woodstove (kind of looks like the wrench) or put a glove on. Please don't burn your hands — again, the door handle gets very, very hot.

Please close the flue when you leave the house for good.

No duraflames in the woodstove. There is kindling and wood in the barn, or in the forest behind the house if you know what you're doing. You can use "long durée" logs that are 100% bois compressé (100% compressed wood, nothing else added), and only those. These are different from duraflames.

Wood can also be delivered; you pay upon delivery. If possible, replace the wood you use. I have it delivered by a French guy whose name I don't know, but he's very nice, and if you give him a few days notice he can cut and deliver it. His number is 03 85 96 18 35 and a lot of wood is 45 euros or so, but give him 50 euros for putting it inside the barn where it belongs (either barn door that faces the driveway). Very importantly, the woodstove takes a 25 cm log, which is smaller than standard so you have to tell them – anywhere between 25-33 centimeters is ok but closer to 25-30 is best. Sometimes he will bring twigs too.

For tourist information, see the website (chezkrista.com) or the maps and tourist brochures in the dark wooden wardrobe in the den.

Bienvenue et bon séjour en Bourgogne!

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUPS 2019 (also on the hard copy of the manual at the house)

