Billeting FAQ for Hosts

Billeting allows Vancouver and area residents to offer a short stay to visiting Unison Festival 2026 delegates. Billeting hosts make a space available in their home, helping to make someone's festival participation possible. It's a welcoming, practical way to support the community and a singer from elsewhere in Canada.

Billeting hosts may offer a wide range of spaces, and we encourage you to create a listing for whatever you have available. That might be a sofa in the living room, a sofa-bed, or a spare bedroom if you have one. Providing a place to sleep is the basic ask.

Q1. How does billeting work?

The process is straightforward:

- Local hosts post billeting listings describing the space they can offer
- Registered delegates apply directly to listings they are interested in
- Hosts choose who they would like to welcome into their home
- Hosts and guests connect directly to confirm details and arrangements

Q2. Who can participate in billeting?

Billeting hosts are local and area residents who can offer a space in their home. Guests applying to be billeted must be registered Unison Festival 2026 delegates. For listings that can accommodate two or more guests, a delegate may apply on behalf of themselves and their accompanying travel companions, such as another delegate, a partner, or a friend.

Q3. Do billet homes need to be within the City of Vancouver?

No. Hosts from across the region are welcome, including surrounding cities and neighbourhoods. Just be sure to note the city or area you're in, and include an approximate distance or transit time to downtown, in your listing. Some delegates may be happy to stay outside the Vancouver city centre.

Q4. Is billeting free for guests?

Yes. Billeting is offered at no charge. No payment or exchange of value is permitted.

Q5. What is Unison's role in billeting?

Unison Choruses Canada provides the platform to share listings and facilitate introductions. Hosts and guests make arrangements directly with one another.

Q6. Does Unison screen billeting participants or homes?

No. Unison does not screen or verify hosts or guests, inspect homes, or evaluate suitability, safety, or accessibility.

Q7. When do new listings get posted to the website?

You create and submit your billeting listing when it works for you – sooner is always better, as delegates are already making plans. Listings appear on the Billeting web page shortly after hosts submit them, and are added on an ongoing basis as more participate.

Q8. Is a private bedroom required for billeting?

No. A private bedroom is not required. Hosts may offer a sofa, a sofa-bed, a spare bedroom, or another suitable sleeping space. What matters most is being clear about what you're offering so guests can decide whether it's a good fit for them.

Q9. Do I need to provide meals, or just a place to sleep?

Simply offering space in your home is more than generous. You decide what, if anything, extra you'd like to provide to your guest. You may offer coffee, snacks, or breakfast items if you wish, but nothing is required or expected.

Q10. Can I host more than one guest?

Yes, if your space allows and you're comfortable doing so. If you have a room that can sleep two people, you're welcome to host one or two guests. If you have two separate rooms or spaces available, you may also create more than one listing. This is entirely up to you.

Q11. How do I handle house rules such as quiet hours or shared spaces?

We encourage you to include that information in your listing so guests can decide if your space is a good fit. We also recommend reiterating any house rules or expectations directly with your guest when you correspond with them.

Q12. Am I responsible for arranging transportation for my guest?

No. Transportation arrangements are up to the guest, unless you choose to offer assistance.

Q13. How long should I wait before selecting a guest?

We suggest waiting at least a few days and up to a week before selecting a guest, to allow time for delegates to see and respond to your listing. If you receive several applications right away and feel ready to move forward, you may choose a guest sooner.

Q14. Can I change or withdraw my listing?

Yes. Hosting is entirely voluntary. You may withdraw or update an active listing at any time by contacting the billeting coordinator.

Q15. How do I decide who I want to have as a guest?

You choose the guest you feel is the best fit for your home and circumstances. Hosts often consider dates, communication style, household routines, and anything the applicant has shared that feels like a good match.

Q16. How do I let Unison know I have chosen a guest and the space is now filled?

Once you've confirmed arrangements with a guest, please email the billeting coordinator so your listing can be marked as filled. Please also let us know the name of your chosen guest so we can notify the other applicants that someone else was selected.

Q17. What happens if something unexpected comes up and I can no longer host?

If your circumstances change, you may cancel the arrangement if you need to. Please let your guest know as soon as possible. Billeting is an arrangement only between a host and a guest.

Q18. Do I need to be at home during the day while my guest is staying with me?

No. You do not need to be at home during the day unless you prefer to be. We expect that many hosts will be at work or out during festival days. Guests should come and go based on the arrangements you've discussed, such as access to keys or entry codes.

Q19. Am I insured for damage or accidents?

Hosts are responsible for their own home and insurance arrangements. Unison does not provide insurance coverage for billeting.

Q20. Are there any costs I should expect as a host?

No. There are no required out-of-pocket costs for hosting. Hosts are not expected to provide meals, transportation, or other extras. If you choose to offer something small, such as coffee or breakfast items, that is entirely optional and up to you.

Questions? billeting@unisonchoruses.ca
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