

Loring-Greenough House

12 South Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Frequently Asked Questions

(not covered in our contract)

What does the rental fee include?

The fee covers the use of our property. For events larger than 50 guests, we recommend that you rent a tent outside amidst our beautiful lawn and gardens, and utilize the interior of the House for such things as a stationary appetizer display, guest book sign-in, gift and place card tables. Many also enjoy the House as a place to enjoy a quiet moment, and it is an elegant backdrop to your event. Some events also invite a docent to give historical tours of the house. Yourself and a few select friends and/or family members have access to our second floor getting ready room, private bath and photography room. One bathroom is available on the first floor. We also have several card and rectangular banquet tables that are best suited for events when covered with linen as well as beige metal chairs (*see end of document for complete list*).

Are there any areas we won't have access to?

The upstairs "getting ready", bath, and photography rooms are only accessible to you and a few of your pre-selected family/friends.

What kind of services do you provide?

We are liaisons to the House and help ensure that the private functions held here do not disturb the historical integrity of House and grounds. While we can offer to you a bit of advice, we are not event planners per se, but can offer our services to you at an hourly rate.

How many events do you host a day?

Currently we only book one event a weekend, allowing you to set up your tent a day before and take down a day or 2 after.

Is there a day-of coordinator?

Yes. There is also a manager available to you for all your questions and concerns during your planning process.

Are there any additional costs-cleaning fees, insurance-fee waivers, etc.?

No. All site fees are listed on the website.

Can we choose the vendors, or do you work exclusively with a certain set?

Yes, you may choose the vendors as long as they can adhere to our guidelines and regulations (outlined in our contract). We do have a list of vendors to get you started though.

Can we bring in our own alcohol? If yes is there a corkage fee if I bring my own wine?

You may use a consignment liquor provider which allows you to return unopened beverages. The pricing is as competitive (if not better) than a typical retail liquor store. We do require a TIPP certified bartender. Please refer to our contract for a full description of our policies.

Who is responsible for setting up and tearing down the decor, and when will it be completed?

You (or your vendors) are, but you may hire us for your additional needs.

Will we need to bring in sound equipment?

Yes. Many of our clients prefer to rent speakers and hook up an iPod.

Are there restrictions for the photographer?

No. However, with your approval and review, we kindly request the use of a few of your pictures either that we ourselves take or that your photographer takes for our marketing efforts. All photos will be credited of course.

Will our guests have to pay to park?

No. There are 10 spots for your use on site. Street parking and adjacent City lots are also not permitted and are free. Spots at the directly adjacent Curtis Hall parking lot may be available via a tax-deductible donation made by you.

Is the House (and bathrooms) handicapped accessible?

Yes.

How many hours do you allow a party to be here?

8 hours is typical, but you may extend the time at the listed hourly rate. For the sake of our adjacent neighbors we ask the event to end at 10 PM (for more on this see the contract). There are a plethora of nearby establishments that many weddings take the party over to afterward.

Are we allowed to bring in decorations?

The House itself needs very little additional decor, and we ask that you be mindful of our trees and landscaping, but you may decorate as you see fit with our prior approval.

Are candles or BBQs allowed?

No open flame is allowed. Many events utilize LED lights for additional ambiance. With prior approval, a small contained candle may be used for a ceremony. Many BBQ caterers have ways around cooking on-site.

What's the backup plan in case of a bad weather?

Many tents come with sides which keep out the rain and heaters for colder weather. A smaller tent can also be added to your primary tent to store the dining tables during your ceremony. You may have use of the inside if you are OK with some guests standing and perhaps not all being within the same room.

We will have people flying from overseas; is there a hotel close by the house that you recommend?

1. [Taylor House](#) Bed and Breakfast. Within walking distance.
2. [Envision Hotel](#): Brand new boutique hotel located 1.5 miles away with very reasonable prices. Located on the 39 bus line that drops off in front of the Loring-Greenough House. Taxi cabs are also plentiful.
3. [Holiday Inn - Brookline](#)
4. [Beech Tree Inn](#)
5. [Longwood Inn](#)

Is outside too cold in November?

I would recommend booking for outdoor events up till mid-fall. Columbus Day weekend is a good time as it may allow your out-of-town guests more time to travel and enjoy the gorgeous New England fall foliage.

See below for furniture at the House:

Approx. 50-60 metal beige folding chairs

Dining room has 8 antique chairs

Parlor has one loveseat and 2 large arm chairs.

Front hallway has two small loveseats

Approx. 6 misc. chairs scattered throughout house

Table dimensions and current locations:

(2) 30"x72" (very heavy folded buffet - in barn)

(4) 30"x96" (very heavy folded buffet - in barn)

(3) 20"x48" (lighter plastic - in barn)

(1) 20"x42" (decorative wood - in dining room)

(1) 42"x100" (dining table - in dining room)

(6) 34" sq. (folded card tables - in dining room closet)