



HABITATION MELIPONE



SOLAR ECOLOGE

A Little Practical Guide



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Anne-Laure & Noël Mercier — Beekeeping family since 1904

WELCOME

Thank you for choosing Habitation Melipone for your holiday in Guadeloupe — Noël and I are delighted to have you!

This home is an ecolodge dedicated to peace and nature.

Since the house runs in full self-sufficiency (100% solar-powered and self-sufficient in water), a few everyday habits are worth adjusting. Nothing complicated, promise!

In practice, we generate our own electricity over the course of the day, depending on the sunshine.

So here are a few rules for a stay that's 100% solar, eco-friendly, and 200% Caribbean happiness.

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THE JACUZZI

The jacuzzi follows the sun's rhythm, just like the rest of the house:

We set it to heat during the day for you, whenever the sun allows.

Enjoy the bubble jets and the view during the sunny hours.

Fancy a warm bath in the evening, with the frogs singing? Just turn on the LED lights — the bath is yours.

The bubble jets, though, are off-limits in the evening and at night.

Without the sun to power them, they'd drain the batteries for the whole house — leaving everyone without power until sunrise.

THE DISHWASHER



The dishwasher is a real power-hungry appliance. We only run it during the day, between 9am and 3pm.

If you're heading out early for an excursion, no problem: you can ask us to start it for you, or use the delayed start button.

A dishwasher running at night will drain the batteries and leave the whole house without power — fridges off and no flushing water (the cistern pump needs electricity to work).

THE WASHING MACHINE

To make your stay easier and help you enjoy your holiday to the fullest, you're welcome to have us wash your laundry.

Simply leave the laundry baskets (found in your bathrooms) filled with your laundry at the entrance to the terrace.

We'll collect them and return your clean laundry by the time you're back from your outings.

Feel free to send us a quick WhatsApp message to let us know you have laundry ready.

HOUSE LINENS



For stays longer than a week, we're happy to change all your house linens after 7 nights: kitchen linen, bath linen and bed linen.

To save water and cut down on cleaning products, though, it isn't automatic — just let us know if you'd like it.

With your permission, we'll then prepare fresh rooms and fresh linen for you.

HUMMINGBIRD FEEDERS

You won't find any hummingbird feeders here — and that's on purpose!

These little birds feed mainly on flower nectar, topped up with small insects for protein. Sugar-water feeders set out with good intentions can actually work against them — in our heat, the mixture ferments and grows mold very quickly, which can make the birds sick.

Good news: our garden is full of flowers to feed them naturally — you'll see them hover and forage right before your eyes, no effort needed.

A FEW GESTURES FOR THE PLANET

At Habitation Melipone, we live close to nature, and thanks to it: the sun provides our energy, the rain fills our water tanks, and the garden offers us a thousand delights.

So, to help preserve this precious setting — Guadeloupe, and our planet more broadly — here is a small guide to the eco-friendly practices in place here.

WASTE SORTING



The wooden hut by the road is available for you to place your trash bags, glass bottles and packaging.

The left door is for trash bags, the middle one for glass bottles, and the right door lets you place paper, plastics and cardboard.

Your organic waste is taken care of by our Creole hens — just leave it in a corner of the garden, and they'll be delighted to recycle it for you right away.

REDUCING PLASTIC

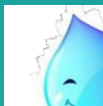


Waste collection is a bit tricky around here, so we take care of the recycling center run for you.

Just leave your bag or glass bottles in the little hut by the road — we'll take them down as soon as we have a moment.

The best way to ease the burden of plastic recycling is still to use less of it in the first place — something we try to keep in mind here too.

SAVING WATER



You'll find a **small tap connected to the kitchen sink** for your drinking water, avoiding the need to buy bottled water.

This water goes through our own purification system: a reverse-osmosis unit. Showers and toilets, meanwhile, run on water from our tanks, which is filtered too, through a different system.

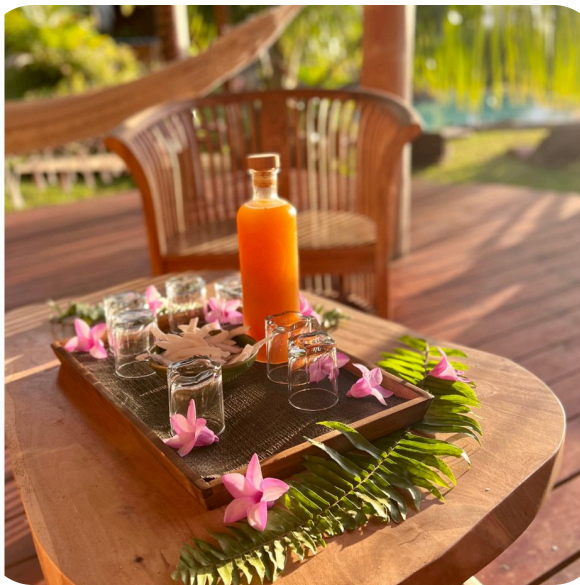
Unlike a simple pitcher filter, it's a chain of eight successive filters with ultra-fine membranes: the first stages remove sand, chlorine and visible impurities, then a reverse-osmosis membrane blocks everything down to bacteria and heavy metals. A UV lamp completes the process.

Glass bottles filled with purified water are also available in the fridge, so you always have fresh water within reach.

Hot water comes from **three solar water heaters** on the roof — plenty for everyone to enjoy a good shower.

Since the water is heated by the sun during the day and then stored on the roof, its temperature follows the weather a little: after a cooler night (around 17°C in January–February, for example), the morning water can be slightly less hot than usual — nothing unusual, just the sun's natural rhythm.

Thank you for being mindful of your water use, to help protect this precious natural cycle.



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