



Code of Conduct

Texas Nathdwara complex is developed with great effort. Time, talent and funds from many of us have made it possible. We still have a long way to go. We need to (1) complete the unfinished items, (2) to pay off our debt and; (3) to maintain the complex in first class condition. This is necessary so that all of us can be proud of TEXAS NATHDWARA, it remains useful for a long time, and it continues to provide services to our patrons.

To operate the temple economically and to maintain positive image, it is absolutely necessary that we conduct ourselves in a responsible manner. The Board of Trustees has approved this CODE OF CONDUCT and urges all visitors to follow it. You will agree that these policies are necessary, sensible and will provide positive and pleasant experience for all visitors.

Following this Code of Conduct will be beneficial to all and it will go a long way in improving the image of the temple and will also show our respect for the home of Lord Shri Nathjee.

Dress Code

Consider yourself as a guest in Lord Shri Nathjee's home (Nandalay). Do not be disrespectful to HIM by wearing inappropriate attire. Knees and shoulders must be covered. Tee-shirts with inappropriate logos or offending logos are not allowed.

Arrival

Only use driveway marked "ENTER" to enter the property and driveway marked "EXIT" when you leave.

If you have passengers in your vehicle, pull up the vehicle under covered entrance canopy, drop the passengers and then proceed to parking in one of the parking spaces. This way:

Except the driver all others in the vehicle will be out of rain or direct sun shine; Space under the canopy will not be blocked and others can use it, and;

Parking

There are over 250 unassigned parking spaces on three sides. You may park anywhere. Please make sure you use only one space per vehicle. There are designated parking spaces for persons with disability and should be used by permit holders only and permit must be visible. Please do not park under or on the side of canopy.

Use of the Parking Areas of Chinese Church

Use of their facility for parking or for children's playing is strictly prohibited. If you park there, your car will be towed away. If your children play there it is considered trespassing. Encourage the children to use our Playground only.

Use Of wheel Chairs

To transport elders and physically challenged visitors back and forth from the car to the temple, for your convenience, we have kept two wheel chairs in Nandalay foyer. Please leave the wheel chairs neatly parked and ensure that you do not damage or dirty the walls.

Shoe Rooms

There are two clearly marked shoe rooms – one on the left for WOMEN and one on the right for MEN. Please place your shoes on the shelves in appropriate shoe room. Do not leave your shoes outside the shoe rooms or on the shoe room floor.

Placing shoes in front of the glass entry doors of the Nandalay is strictly prohibited. Temple volunteers will gather improperly placed shoes and remove them to the shoe rooms. Avoid this inconvenience by following the rules.

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Taking Short Cuts Please do not try to enter the temple from side doors. They are emergency exits only. Please do not walk on grass or in landscaped areas. Use concrete walks only.

Use of Rest Rooms

For daily use we have two restrooms in the court yard. Please make a habit of using them only.

Use of Vallabh Hall is permitted only for Utsavas and other large public gatherings, . This policy is to minimize cleaning expense.

Toilets, urinals and the hand dryers in all restrooms are motion activated. You do not need to touch them to operate. Faucets at the sinks are not motion activated.

Both restrooms in Vallabh Hall are provided with diaper changing station. As a courtesy to user that may follow you, please leave the area clean after use and dispose the diapers off in proper container. Please do not try to flush down diapers or sanitary napkins in the toilets. It clogs sewer line and costs lot of money to clear it.

Drinking water

Drinking water fountains are provided inside foyers of Nandalay and Vallabh Hall. .

Entry Doors Only use the unlocked doors to enter the Nandalay or the Vallabh Hall. Do not try to use other doors when they are blocked.

Central walkway Inside Nandalay No sitting is permitted in the central walkway consisting of four light color marble tiles and one black granite tile on each side. The center walkway is for visitors who wish to have close up Darshan of Thakorjee. Please move aside after Darshan for half a minute and let others have the same privilege.

Longer Stay inside Nandalay If you want to have Darshan for longer time, you need to sit down on either side of the central walkway. In general, if you are looking at Thakorjee, women will sit in the left section and men in the right section.

Use of Cushions

For your sitting comfort, foam cushions are provided. If you are looking at Thakorjee, use Yellow Cushions for left section and Brown Cushions for right section. Please borrow the cushion from the storage area and use it for sitting. When you leave, please pick up the cushion and place it back neatly in the storage area. Please do not use cushions for standing on them.

Use of Chairs

Chairs are provided for the comfort of elderly individuals and for those who have back problem. Chairs are inter-locked. Please do not unlock the chairs to rearrange them or to relocate them. Leave the chairs where they are. They will be placed in proper place by the temple, as need be. Please do not place chairs close to Thakorjee. Please use them for sitting only & do not stand on them.

Use of Benches in Courtyard Donations made by many generous Vaishnavas made placing of the benches possible. Respect them and protect the good appearance of these benches. Use them for sitting only and tell children not to stand or jump on them.

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Use of Tables & Counters

Tables and Counters are for placing objects and not for sitting. Please be mindful of that all the times. Please do not sit on tables, counters or in the front part of stage with your feet hanging. It makes the walls dirty and requires repainting.

Talking Inside Temple

Please maintain library like silence inside the temple. This is a place of worship. It cannot be used for socializing. Worshipers must be allowed to pray quietly. Please use the courtyard if you need to talk.

Use of Cell Phones

Please do not use your cell phone inside temple. Also put it in "Silence" or "Vibration" mode.

Eating or Drinking Inside Darshan Chawk

Eating or drinking anything, including Prasad, inside Darshan Chawk is disrespectful to Thakorjee and is strictly prohibited. Take Prasad while leaving the temple and not when you arrive.

Photography

Still or video photography of Thakorjee is prohibited. With prior permission you may take pictures of Sajavat or other building features. Photographing outside the Nandalay is permitted.

Weapons

Carrying weapons on the temple premises is prohibited.

Animals

Bringing an animal into the temple is not permitted, unless the animal is required to accompany a person with a disability.

Darshan at Certain Times

Since we do not have funds to maintain staff, inside set of glass doors may be locked when no responsible temple officer is on the premises. On such occasion, please do the Darshan through the glass doors. We apologize for this inconvenience and will appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

If you wish to offer Bhet, use the pledge card and the envelopes placed inside foyer. Fill out your contact info and place the pledge card with your check or cash in the envelope, seal it and drop it in the locked box. We will mail you the receipt and the Prasad.

Darshan Etiquette

During large gatherings form two lines in central corridor – women on left, men on right. Slowly approach Thakorjee, have Darshan and exit from the side. Give others the chance to do Darshan.

Inquiries

If you need to get certain information about the temple, depending on where you are, refer to the Bulletin Boards, Digital Signage in temple foyer or vpsshaveli.org first. Chances are, all your questions are answered. If not, then only go to the Patron Service Desk or call temple officials. You can also email your inquiries to info@vpsshaveli.org. This will enable volunteers to help others and to do their other duties.