

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOOR

Whether this is your 1st or 4th year to live off campus, having your own place can be a great feeling. You can have friends over and come and go as you please; however, there are still some common courtesy rules to remember.

Living on or off campus in your own apartment or house is a great feeling and you will no doubt have many great memories. While you are making your own memories, make sure you don't become a negative memory for someone else and remember to be a good neighbor!

Noise

How much noise is too much noise? If you stand on the edge of your property line and still hear the noise, it's probably too loud.

- ⇒ Don't leave barking dogs outside all night long
- ⇒ Watch the volume of your stereo and TV, especially early in the morning and late at night
- ⇒ Be courteous of neighbors when outside.

Property Appearance

Maybe you're not Martha Stewart, but everyone can keep a yard or patio area looking neat and clean.

- ⇒ Mow your lawn on a regular basis
- ⇒ Keep couches in the living room instead of outside
- ⇒ Follow trash policies
- ⇒ Don't overflow your garbage can

Know your Neighbors

No one says that you have to be best friends with the people that live next door, but it is a good idea to know their names and phone numbers in case of emergency.

- ⇒ Say hello when you see your neighbor
- ⇒ Exchange phone numbers for emergency situations
- ⇒ Ask neighbors to pick up mail or newspapers when you are on vacation

Parking

No one wants to live next door to a junk yard or a parking lot. While you may have more cars than spaces, you cannot use your yard as a parking place.

- ⇒ Park your car facing the right direction
- ⇒ Park in appropriately marked spaces
- ⇒ Don't keep cars that don't work sitting in the driveway
- ⇒ Don't park your car in the yard

Parties

The number one enemy of social gatherings is the reaction of upset members of the community. It is your neighbors who will call the police if your party is too loud.

- ⇒ Talk to your neighbors before the party and give out a phone number so they can call you if it gets too loud
- ⇒ Limit the number of guests at your party
- ⇒ If alcohol is present, make sure everyone who is drinking is 21 and older
- ⇒ Discourage guests from wandering away from the designated party area
- ⇒ Monitor noise level by going outside periodically
- ⇒ Cleanup any mess from your party as soon as possible