

tips for being a good neighbour

Making a difference in our community can begin right in your own neighbourhood – by being a good neighbour. Here are a few tips for maintaining safe, attractive neighbourhoods that are pleasant for everyone.



■ keep it down

- Your neighbours may have different sleeping patterns than you, and may have small children.
- Avoid early morning or late night disruptions such as idling a loud vehicle, mowing the lawn, and construction activities.



■ don't stop the party...

... just be a good neighbour!

- If you're having a get-together, be courteous and let your neighbours know.
- Tell them what time the party is expected to end.



■ add some zen

If neighbourhood noise is bothering you, try these sound-buffering ideas:

- Planting dense trees
- Small water features near your outdoor seating
- Fences act as sound buffers, particularly when made of solid materials such as stone. Fences may be up to 6 feet high in rear yards.



■ sound advice

- If you're in a building with common walls, position TVs and speakers away from these partition walls. Keep the volume moderate.
- Don't slam doors. Avoid loud footsteps (ie: high heels) if there are neighbours beneath you.
- Consider putting a rubber mat under laundry appliances.



■ curb appeal

- Mow your lawn before it becomes overgrown.
- Do upkeep on your home's exterior, fence, etc.
- Make sure that vegetation does not creep into your neighbor's yard (tree limbs, shrubs and weeds.)



■ polite parking

- Don't block anyone's driveway access, or park vehicles extending over the sidewalk.
- Avoid parking in front of your neighbors' homes.



RV's, boats or utility trailers:

- No more than 2 per site
- Should not obstruct visibility of motorists or neighbours
- If parked in a front or exterior side yard, it must be on a hard surface

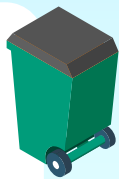
■ furry friends

- Keep your pets off the neighbours' lawns and pick up after them.
- If you have a particularly noisy dog, consider a training program to lessen barking, and minimizing the outside-time.



■ bin there dump that

- Only put out your garbage bin on the collection day. Even if you miss the collection, bring it back onto your property right away.
- Keep your trash area tidy and wash your bin if it begins to smell.



■ don't point fingers

Be aware that your neighbour may be going through difficult circumstances which may prevent them from keeping up with everyday things. Please don't judge, and consider offering a helping hand.



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