

Dear Students:

We want to help you build a positive relationship with your neighbours, a mix of seniors and families with young children, as well as fellow students. From time to time, the relationship has been strained. It is up to all of us to make it better.

Each year, there are some legitimate complaints from members of the community about unacceptable student behaviour – lawn furniture damaged, garden plants torn up, blaring stereos, parties that have to be shut down by police, excessive drinking and rudeness. We know that just a few are responsible for these bad impressions, but we all have responsibilities to each other.

There is no great secret to a successful neighbourhood. It all comes down to mutual respect and thinking about other people's needs and concerns.

Garbage collection day: Monday
Recycle collection: every other Tuesday

Remember, city bylaw states you cannot place garbage or recyclables out before 7 pm the day prior to pick-up, or after 6 am the day of pick-up.

At home in the neighbourhood

A Student's Guide



For more information contact
Campus Community Police:
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Tips for Sharing the Neighbourhood

Papers, classes, exams... university is hard enough without neighbour drama in your life. Like all good relationships, it takes a little effort on your part to stay on good terms with your neighbours. It will pay off when you need their help, or when you don't have the police knocking on your door because of a noise complaint that can lead to a stiff fine.

Day One

Start off right. Introduce yourself to your new neighbours as soon as you move in. If there is a group in your house or apartment, choose one to be the contact person. Provide your neighbours with your name and telephone number in case they have any concerns.

Don't forget the little things. Something as small as saying "hello" when you see your neighbours on the street, especially if they are elderly, can make a difference.

Noise

Be sensitive to the needs of others. If you are out late at night, chances are that your neighbours have gone to bed by the time you get home. Avoid yelling, loud laughter and foul language on the street while walking home.

If you are big into music – either listening to your stereo or practicing a musical instrument, ask your housemates and neighbours what times are ok to play. Keep the windows closed to keep the sounds off the street.

Parties

Hosting a party can lead to some of the best times and some of the worst, for the relationship between you

and your neighbours. Take the time to inform them and your housemates about a party you are planning ahead of time.

Be sensitive to the noise your party is creating. Under the City of Windsor Noise Bylaw, you can be fined for excessive noise any time – night or day. If things get too loud and spill out onto the street, bring it back inside. Make sure to keep your guests on your property.

If your party gets crashed by people you don't know, don't hesitate to end it or call police to help shut it down. YOU are responsible for damages and noise complaints.

Your Property

Don't be a litterbug! Your neighbours take pride in the appearance of their homes and expect you to do the same. Make an effort to keep trash, old furniture, beer bottles, barbecues, newspapers and other items stored properly stored and out of sight. Don't put the garbage out unless you know it's collection day. If you have pets, make sure to clean up after them.

Be respectful and responsive to your neighbours concerns and they will treat you the same way.

