

# 10 tips for being a great neighbour

We know that being on good terms with your neighbours can have a big impact on how much you enjoy your home and community. Here are our 10 top tips on how to be a great neighbour...

## 1 Introduce yourself!

## 2 Be considerate of shared walls in your home

If possible, avoid placing noisy household appliances such as washing machines or TVs against shared walls. If you live above someone else, avoid repetitive loud noises such as stomping or moving furniture.

## 3 Be respectful of communal areas

Avoid shouting or having loud conversations in shared areas. Make sure to clean up after yourself and your pets, and don't leave rubbish or litter.

## 4 Keep your garden tidy

Clean up weeds, overgrown plants and rubbish in your garden and mow the lawn regularly to avoid it becoming an eyesore.


## 5 Respect your neighbour's personal space





**6 Show consideration when parking**

Don't block entrances or garages, or in a way that prevents wheelchair users and prams from using the pavement. Ask guests to park in a spot where they won't be blocking any of your neighbours.



**7 Avoid unnecessary noise from late-night hours to early morning hours**

Nobody likes to be kept up by a barking dog or woken up early on a Sunday to the sound of a lawnmower! Avoid playing loud music or using tools such as hammers or drills until the middle of the day.

**8 Be thoughtful when planning a party**

Let your neighbours know in advance if you are going to be hosting a party and may be noisy, especially if they have young children or pets who may be kept up by the noise. Leave them your phone number so they can contact you if they need to ask you to turn it down a bit.

**9 Think twice about where you position items in your garden.**

Be considerate of where you place your BBQ or fire pit to avoid smoke blowing into your neighbour's home or drying laundry and be sure to check your outdoor lights don't shine into your neighbours' windows.

**10 Be kind!**

Consider taking in your neighbour's bin whilst bringing in your own or offering to mow their lawn when you do yours!

