

# FACTSHEET: Good Neighbour Tips

One of the keys to having a good experience with your neighbours is to be a good neighbour yourself. Our tips will help you live well with the people around you and build a safe and happy neighbourhood.

Neighbours may be just as important and beneficial to your enjoyment and living experience as your new rental home. These tips could help you to get on well with your close neighbours.

## Just say hello!

One of the best ways to meet your neighbours is to make time to talk with them. Knowing your neighbours will help make living in your community more enjoyable.



Why not introduce yourself to your neighbours after you move in. Saying “hello” when you run into one another is a great way to get to know your neighbours.

You may find you share things in common and you can also talk about issues to do with living in your community.

## Why not arrange a BBQ?

Another great way to be a friendly neighbour is to organise a social event, such as a BBQ for everyone that lives in your building or neighbourhood.



## Your right to privacy

It is also good to remember people do like their privacy and we should always respect that. It's important to recognise when it is ok to mind your own business.

## Help each other

Neighbours can be a big help to you. Asking them to keep an eye on your home while you are away, water the plants, feed pets etc. could help keep your home safe, secure and well cared for.



You can help them out in return when they may be out or away. Or if a problem occurs, you may be able to let them know, help fix it, or call Homes North if necessary.

Showing that you care about their home as well as yours could mean you have someone looking out for your place and belongings as well.

## Think about others



It's good to be considerate of other people, particularly when you're living in a shared housing complex. Noise from loud parties for example could disturb your neighbours, so if you know of a time when your neighbours may be affected by noise

from your home let them know beforehand, keep the noise to a minimum and finish at a reasonable hour.

Also, remember you may have shared walls. Keep your outdoor/shared spaces clean, and don't use your space for anything dangerous or unpleasant.

## Help out

You could consider once in a while doing a favour for your neighbour, e.g. help an elderly resident weed their garden.



Doing something generous for a neighbour will show them you are a considerate person, and when you need it they may return the favour.

## Train Your Pets



Pets can be a great addition to your life, but need prior approval with a pet agreement. A good way to ensure your neighbour likes your pet and will enjoy them being around is to train them not to be noisy and exercise them daily.

Taking the time to establish good terms with your neighbours can have many great benefits. Your neighbourhood will be friendlier, safer, and a nicer place to live.

## Want to know more?

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