Being a Good Neighbour

What I Can Do To Be Considerate Of My Neighbours

5 ways to be a good neighbour

1. **Get to know your neighbours.**
   - Introduce yourself and take the time to wave and say hello.
   - It will be much easier to solve problems that may arise later if you and your neighbours are acquainted and feel comfortable approaching each other.

2. **Respect your neighbour's privacy and property.**
   - When parking on the street, park in front of your residence.
   - Don't blow snow or grass on neighbours' driveways or sidewalks.
   - Don't let kids run or play in other people's yards unless they have permission.
   - Ensure that conflicts between children do not cause conflicts between parents.
   - Control your guests. You are responsible for the behaviour of your guests.
3. **Take care of your yard.**
   - Mow grass and weeds and pick up litter and trash.
   - Be timely about putting out trash/trash bins and bringing in trash bins.
   - Don't keep junk vehicles in the yard or driveway.
4. **Talk to your neighbour openly and with respect when you have a concern.**
5. **Learn and follow your community's bylaws on pets, noise, etc.**
   - If pets are allowed, keep them in your yard and pick up after them when walking them in the neighbourhood.
   - Keep noise down at night (e.g., loud music or vehicles with loud mufflers).

Reducing the potential for noise complaints

One of the major reasons for police to visit your party is because there was a noise complaint.

- Let your neighbour know you are having a family gathering or a party *before* it happens so that they expect some noise and know the reason for it.
- Let them know that they can contact you if they have any concerns. Having them contact you instead of the police contributes to a good relationship with your neighbours.

Something to think about…

Be considerate of others. If you respect your neighbours, they may respect you.

Contact your local housing authority for more information