

Good Neighbour Tips

Introduce Yourself

Take the time to introduce yourself to your neighbours when you move in.

Let them know that you want to be a good neighbour, and that they can contact you if they need to.

Be Friendly & Approachable

Give your neighbours a reason to think positively about students - being in a student area, they may have had negative experiences in the past.

Wave and say hello, stop by and say a few words, drop off a Christmas Card.

Shovel snow and rake leaves from time to time from a neighbour's property, they will really appreciate it.

Be Discreet and Considerate

As a student, you are moving into an established neighbourhood with families of all types.

Avoid exposing your neighbours to casual swearing, drinking alcohol or too much physical closeness or in a public area in viewing of your neighbours. They may find it offensive.

Handle Problems Politely

If you receive an unfriendly reaction from your neighbour, listen to their concerns and try to see it from their perspective. Make whatever adjustments you can to keep peace in the neighbourhood.

Volunteer in the Community

Getting involved in the community, both at school and in your neighbourhood is a great way to give back and meet new friends.

Ask your neighbours if anything is going on in the community that you can get involved in.

Stop by the Student Life Office to see if there is anything on campus you can volunteer for.

More Information

The Student Life Departments at all four campuses have more information about Off-Campus Housing, Community Guides and Transportation Information:

Fennell Campus

Room G08
905-575-2262

Brantford Campus

Room B101
519-759-6022

IAHS – McMaster Campus

Room 105
905-540-4247 ext. 26710

STARRT Campus

Room C120
905-575-2537

Email: housing@mohawkcollege.ca

Website: <http://housing.mohawkcollege.ca>

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm



Good Neighbour Guide



Welcome to the Mohawk College community!

We span neighbourhoods all over Hamilton, Stoney Creek and Brantford.

As a new resident, we encourage you to treat this like your home. Go out and meet your neighbours and get involved with the community. You may be living here for 8 months to 3 years to... just maybe, forever. We want to make sure you get off on the right foot.

Please take a moment to look through this brochure as it has valuable information about living in the College community and being a good neighbour.

Your Property

Front Porch

Do not store things on your front porch, it is illegal and a fine may be issued.

Things like stuffed furniture and empty beer cases left on your porch can attract pests and rodents, and cause a problem.

The Yard

Find out from your landlord if he/she will be taking care of the lawn and garden.

There are by-laws about unkempt lawns (high-grass, weeds, etc.) and you could end up with orders to comply or fines.

Garbage & Recycling

Your neighbours will let you know when garbage is picked up on your street.

Make sure that your garbage goes out no earlier than 7:00 pm the evening before and no later than 7:00 am on pick up day.

It is your responsibility to clean up any mess caused by animals getting into your garbage.

If there are critters around, you may want to put the garbage out in the morning before the garbage truck arrives.

For more information call:

Hamilton: 905-546-CITY
Brantford: 519-759-4150

Parking

What is illegal?

- Parking on the lawn (front or back)
- Parking for over 12 hours continuously on any street
- Having less than 10 inches clearance in a driveway between a parked vehicle and the public sidewalk

Pay attention to the parking street signs on your street.

You must be 3 metres from a fire hydrant and 9 metres from a cross walk or intersection.

Parties and Alcohol

Noise

The City's noise by-law is in effect 24 hours a day.

By-law officers can be alerted to noise disturbances outside or inside your home that are disruptive to your neighbours, **any time day or night**.

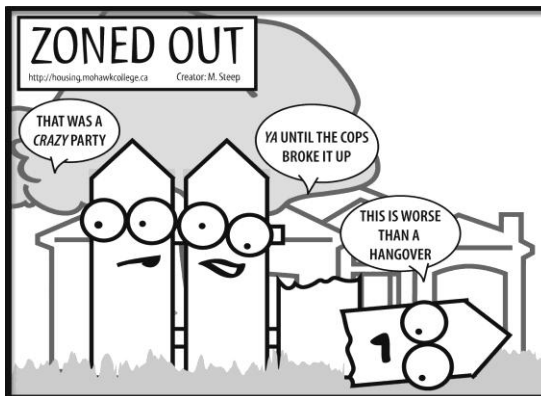
A noisy party can attract both by-law officers and police which can result in a warning, by-law fine or even a criminal charge.

Alcohol

Any alcohol related problems that may occur are your responsibility, these include:

- Over-consumption
- Intoxication
- Excessive noise
- Disturbing the peace
- Vandalism
- Property Damage
- Vomiting on lawns
- Driving under the influence
- Accidents
- Or worse

After a party, be sure to check for litter on the street or sidewalk, your own property and your neighbours.



Safety

Health & Safety

If you suspect a health hazard in your rental unit, please contact:

Hamilton: 905-546-3500

Brantford: 519-759-4150

Walking At Night

Attendants are available to walk you throughout the Fennell Campus and surrounding community – including your car and bus stop.

Hours: 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm during the Fall & Winter Semesters.

Contact Walk Smart at 905-575-2263.

Students at the IAHS Campus can access McMaster University's Student Walk Home Attendant Team (SWHAT).

Hours: 7:00 pm – 1:00 am from September to April

Contact SWHAT at 905-540-4247 ext. 26710.

Break-Ins

Make sure there are working locks on all doors and windows.

Always lock your house when you leave.

If you are going home for Christmas or Spring Break, you may want to: Invest in a timer for your lights, or ask a neighbour to keep an eye on the house for you.

If your house has been broken into, go to a neighbour and call 911 (in case the thief is still in the house).

Fire Prevention

Your landlord must comply with the provision of the Ontario Fire Code.

If you are concerned about the fire safety of your house, please contact the Hamilton Emergency Services at 905-546-2424 ext.1380 or Brantford Emergency Services at 519-752-0540.

Open-air burning is not permitted in Hamilton or Brantford. This includes outdoor fireplaces and chimneys. Check with the city for permit information.