

“11 Ways to be a Good Neighbour”

1. Take your Garbage & Recycling out

Yes—it IS time to take that throw out that rotting gingerbread house that has been on display in your apartment for far too long! Today is the day! Live in the now!

Find out when Garbage & Recycling day is in your neighbourhood. [Click here for a full waste collection schedule](#). Make sure your garbage & recycling goes out no later than 7am on pick up day. You can even rinse your recycling before putting it in the bin to avoid odors and pests. [Batteries and other e-waste can be recycled on campus](#), thanks to Sustainability!

Do you need a recycling bin for your house? The City of Hamilton will provide you with one for FREE! [Find out how to get yourself a blue bin here](#).

2. Clean Up Your Yard

Make sure you ask your landlord if they are taking care of your yard, or if you are. And no matter who is cutting that lawn – Make sure you keep your front porch clear of stuffed furniture or other debris, as they can attract pests.

3. Be Safe in your House

Fires and break-ins and gas leaks—oh my! Be mindful of hazards and stay safe in your house. Have questions about fire prevention? Check out some [home fire safety tips here](#) or take [fire safety program through the City of Hamilton](#)

4. Shovel your driveway...AND your sidewalk

How do you become a good neighbour in the winter time? EASY! Shovel the snow off your driveway, steps, and your sidewalk. You can even shovel your neighbour's driveway to extra credit!

Want to go next level? Become a [Hamilton City Snow Angel](#) and shovel your way to glory!

5. Park Where You Should Park

Don't waste your money having to pay parking tickets, it just makes sense. Ask your landlord if parking is included in your rent. If you are using street parking instead, pay attention to the parking signs on your street.

Here are some general parking rules:

- No parking on lawns

- No parking for more than 12 continuous hours on any street
- Park 3 metres from any fire hydrants
- Park 9 metres from any crosswalk or intersection

Check out the Hamilton City Parking Bylaws here: <https://www.hamilton.ca/streets-transportation/tickets-parking/municipal-parking-by-laws>

6. Respect Noise Limitations

Whether you are listening to Drake on full blast, or hammering in the last nail on that supposedly “simple DIY project”—your neighbours can totally hear you.

Be mindful of the noise you are making and respect the noise by-laws we have in place. Quick refresher: there is a 24-hour noise curfew in effect. For more information, check out the [Hamilton City by-laws here.](#)

7. Get together responsibly

Have fun on your time off, but be safe and respectful of your neighbours. Check out this website for some safe tips and disappointing calorie counts on your favourite drinks: <https://drinksmart.ca/tips/>

8. Try Your Best to Avoid Those Pests

Cockroaches do NOT make good pets. No one really wants to hang out with cockroaches, mice or (worse) bed bugs. Most of these pests can be avoided if you know what to do, so check out these [7 Tips to Pest Proof Your House in 15 Minutes](#) or [visit the City of Hamilton Pest Control website for more information](#)

9. Use your Mohawk College Resources

- a. [Walksmart](#)
- b. Roommate Etiquette Guide
- c. [MOCS](#)

10. Get To Know Your Neighbours

So it turns out, your neighbours can actually be cool people. Say hi, take a few minutes to chat – you might end up with a lifelong friend or maybe you won’t, but you’ll never know until you try.

Either way-- you should also be respectful of your neighbour’s property, by not taking shortcuts across their lawns or hanging out outside their houses.

11. Offer a Helping Hand

There are many ways to get involved on campus, and in your community. Check out these links below on how you can lend a helping hand!

- a. [Volunteer](#)
- b. [Walksmart](#)
- c. [Campus to Community](#)