

# Your Guide To Being a Good Neighbour

## WELCOME TO THE MOHAWK COLLEGE COMMUNITY!

We span neighbourhoods from Hamilton to Stoney Creek and Brantford.

As a new resident, we encourage you to make Hamilton your home. Go out and meet your neighbours, and get involved in your community! You'll be spending the rest of your college career in this community, so make sure you start off on the right foot.

Please take a moment to read through this brochure to ensure that you're being the best neighbor you can be while you're here.

*For information beyond this brochure about Off-Campus Housing, Community Guides, and Transportation, please visit your Student Life office, email [housing@mohawkcollege.ca](mailto:housing@mohawkcollege.ca), or visit [www.mohawkcollege.ca/housing](http://www.mohawkcollege.ca/housing)*

**Fennell Campus**  
Room R203  
905-575-2262

**IAHS Campus**  
Room 122  
905-540-4247 ext 26710

**Stoney Creek Campus:**  
Room A121  
905-575-2537

## 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 Holiday Card or help them with yard work and snow shoveling from time to time.

### Be Considerate

As a student, you are moving into an established neighbourhood with all types of families. Avoid exposing your neighbours to things like casual swearing or public intoxication.

### 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 the 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 what volunteer opportunities exist, or check out our [volunteer listing site](#).

## YOUR PROPERTY

### Front Porch

Do not store things on your front porch as a fine may be issued for garbage or debris. Things like stuffed furniture and empty beer cases left on your porch can also attract pests.

### The Yard

Find out from your landlord if they 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

You can find out when your garbage is collected by visiting the [City of Hamilton Website](#)

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: 905-546-3500  
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 signs on your street.

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

## SAFETY

### Noise and Alcohol

The City's noise by-law is in effect 24 hours a day, which means that officers can be alerted to a noise disturbance inside or outside of your home at any time.

A noise complaint may result in a warning, a by-law fine, or even a criminal charge.

Any alcohol related problems that occur on your property are your responsibility, not that of your landlord. This can include any vandalism, property damage, accidents, or worse.

### Walking at Night

Through the WalkSmart program, attendants are available to walk with you through the Fennell campus, or in the surrounding community following the jurisdiction of campus security.

Students at the IAHS campus are able to access a similar service through McMaster.

### Walk Smart (Fennell)

6:30pm – 10:30pm (905)-575-2263

### Student Walk Home Team (McMaster)

7:00pm – 1:00am (905)-540-4247 ext. 26710

### Home Invasions

If your house has been broken into, phone 911 from a neighbour's home.

Ensure that the locks on your doors and windows work, and lock them when you leave. When leaving for multiple days at a time, you may want to invest in a timer for your lights or ask a neighbour to watch your home for you.

### Fire Prevention

Open air burning is not permitted in Hamilton or Brantford. This includes outdoor fireplaces or chimneys. Be sure to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors regularly.

If you are concerned about the fire safety of your home, contact your local fire department  
Hamilton: (905) 628-1380  
Brantford: (519) 752-4346