



# How To Be A Good Neighbour

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## What you should know about living and learning in a community

### 1. Be a good neighbour

#### **Say hello and get to know your neighbours.**

Opening the lines of communication makes it easier to talk about those petty annoyances before they become big problems.

#### **Watch out for the safety of your community.**

If you observe any suspicious behavior, report it to the North Bay Police. Watch and listen for unusual things such as loud noises or suspicious or unknown people loitering.

#### **Take pride in your environment by keeping visible areas neat and tidy.**

Keeping your yard, porch, balcony and walkway clean and free of debris and litter makes everyone's home look appealing.

#### **Understand and follow the apartment community or landlord rules.**

In addition to local laws, many landlords or apartment communities have rules for things like where you can park, when certain facilities are open, quiet hours, trash pickup, pets and more. These should all be spelled out in either your lease or in a supplemental set of rules and regulations. Know and follow them. Your neighbours and landlord will thank you.

#### **Keep your noise and belongings within your own space.**

Talking on cell phones in apartment community hallways, leaving trash or personal belongings in public areas or loud, late-night congregations in common areas may be disturbing to others and frowned upon in off-campus residential areas. Be conscious of your volume.

#### **Observe reasonable hours for noisy activities.**

Vacuuming, hanging pictures, moving heavy furniture, playing loud music and hosting large gatherings all produce noise that can travel beyond the walls of your apartment or boundaries of your house. Make every effort to restrict these activities to daytime hours. Check your lease or rental regulations and local ordinances and follow any specified quiet hours.

#### **Treat your neighbours' children with respect.**

Watch your words and behavior around neighbourhood children and remember they may follow the example you set. Understand that your neighbours' children have the right to be there and that they are, after all, children. Treating neighbourhood children with respect can go a long way to maintaining and improving your rapport with your neighbours.

#### **Don't let your right to party overshadow your responsibility to your neighbours.**

Let neighbours know ahead of time when a party will be happening so they can prepare. It is your responsibility as host to ensure that your guests understand the rules of respect for your neighbourhood (including where it is okay to park) and that they remain inside your apartment/house (or inside your own personal outside space) during the party. Remember: even when you're having a party, the [City of North Bay's by-laws regarding noise](#) apply.

### **Understand that not everyone loves your pet like you do.**

If your lease allows pets, be aware of the rules concerning where they can be when they are outside your apartment or house. Keep your pet on a leash unless it is in your fenced backyard or inside your home. Don't let your dog roam free in the neighbourhood or shared yard and don't let it run on the lawns of others. Walk pets by the side of the road and at all times be prepared to clean up after your pet. Be aware that you'll be held responsible for any noise your pet makes while you are away at work or school. If your landlord doesn't allow pets, don't try to get away with it.

### **2. Be aware**

- While residing and studying at college and university, all students are bound by municipal, provincial and federal law.
- Here are some lawful considerations, which may be new to you:
  - [City of North Bay By-Law to Control Noise](#)
    - If found guilty of this offence, person(s) liable to fines between \$200 - \$10,000
  - [Being a party host](#)
    - Risks associated with alcoholic events
  - [Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence](#)
    - If you have experience or witnessed sexual assault or violence, refer to [Canadore's Protocol](#).

### **3. How to get involved**

Canadore College has dedicated employee teams and student leaders that develop services, initiatives and student life programming to ensure a positive postsecondary experience for you and your peers. Want learn more? Click the "experience" drop down menu on [Canadore's website](#) for social, volunteer, cultural opportunities and more.