

Top Ten Tips on Being a Good Neighbor: A Quick Guide for Colorado College Students Living Off-Campus

1. Get to know your neighbors! Introduce yourself and participate in your neighborhood gatherings, discussions and decisions.
2. Clean up after yourself and your guests. This can range from furniture on your lawn, to party cups on your porch... or even on your neighbor's lawn. Be respectful of your yard and your neighborhood.
3. If you are living in a house, work with your landlord to maintain your yard, mow your grass, and trim your shrubs/trees. Be aware of your pet's effects on others- clean up after them and train them well.
4. Park your car(s) in designated areas on the street or in your driveway/garage. Know your parking ordinance laws.
5. Let your neighbors know when you are planning a get-together and listen to their concerns. Give them your phone number so they can call you (before they call the police!) if it gets too loud. Make sure one member of your house stays sober and can be a point of contact for neighbors, police, campus safety, etc.
6. If alcohol is present, make sure everyone consuming alcohol is 21 or older. Serve food and make non-alcoholic drinks available. If people under 21 are present and drinking alcohol, you may be held responsible through social host liability with the law and/or the college. Seek additional social host training if you have questions about social host liability. Contact the Residential Life Coordinator (RLC) for Western Ridge Apartments at 719-389-7349.
7. Periodically go outside and monitor how loud it is in your house. You may want people over, but your neighbors might want a quiet evening at home. Know noise ordinance laws, but more importantly, know to be courteous of your neighbors and their lifestyle. If you are walking to/from campus, walk quietly—be aware of your noise levels and the impact you could be having on your community.
8. If you borrow anything from your neighbor, make sure to return it in a timely manner and in good condition.
9. Respect your neighbors' privacy.
10. **Represent Colorado College by acting responsibly, respectfully and reasonably.** Lend a hand when you see a neighbor in need. Be a PART of your neighborhood community. Keep your eyes open, watch out for each other and report suspicious behavior to the Colorado Springs Police Department; 911 for emergencies, 719-444-7000 for non-emergencies. Always remember, the Colorado College Student Code of Conduct applies to you, even though you live off campus. Review the code of conduct online at <http://www.coloradocollege.edu/resources/Pathfinder/index.asp>