

Off-Campus Living Being a Good Neighbor Transcript

Flagstaff is known for its friendliness and small-town feel. We ask you, as NAU students, to be good neighbors, take pride in where you live and get to know your neighbors. Here are some helpful tips:

Introduce Yourself. A simple “hello” goes a long way. This is your first step in building a good relationship. Grow the relationship throughout the year; you never know when you will need that cup of sugar or help shoveling your sidewalk.

Keep Neighbors Informed

- Contact your neighbors before undertaking something that may affect them... like throwing a party or building a fence.
- Share your contact information so there is an easy way to communicate during any event you might host or if other questions come up.
- Let neighbors know if you are going out of town.

Neighborhood Expectations

- Be aware of local laws, homeowner association (HOA) covenants, and neighborhood expectations.
- Follow the neighborhood’s trash pickup and recycle collection schedules, and remember to move the corresponding container near your house after collection is complete.
- Bulky or oversized items are picked up curbside every 5 weeks. They may not be placed curbside outside of the scheduled bulk week and may not block sidewalks either.
- If you live in an apartment, your complex should provide bins and dumpsters for your trash and recycling needs. Talk to your apartment manager if recycling is not available.

For more information about Flagstaff recycling and neighborhood collection schedules visit [Recycle by City](#).

Be Understanding of Differences. Age, faith, ethnic background, and family status can drastically affect how one goes about daily life. Consider that neighbors will have different schedules and lifestyles such as working a night shift or raising children. Be respectful of differences between you and your neighbors.

Be Friendly

Neighborly gestures contribute to a positive and welcoming neighborhood for all. Taking the trash bin up the driveway or shoveling snow for your neighbor is a good way to create good rapport. Contribute to your neighborhood by attending events such as clean-up days, barbecues or neighborhood association meetings to understand the local issues and concerns.

Neighborhoods may have volunteer opportunities that can enhance your academic experience, like helping to research local history or career networking.

Be Aware

Observe parking controls such as red curbs and time limits. Do not park in landscaped areas, on private property or in business parking lots. Avoid blocking driveways, mailboxes, fire hydrants, or trash collection areas.

Be a Responsible Pet Owner

Make sure your pet isn't causing excessive noise or intruding on the neighbors space. If you take your dog for walks, take along a supply of plastic bags so neighbors won't find pet waste in their yards.

Sometimes neighbor conflicts arise because two households do not have a good communication system to assist them in resolving disputes. Handle problems politely. If your neighbors do something that bothers you, be polite and respectfully let them know as soon as possible. If you think your neighbors make unreasonable complaints or do not like you, keep in mind that your neighbors may have suffered from problems with a previous renter. Be patient and polite, and if you cannot work out a fair compromise, talk to your landlord.

Always remember that when hosting a gathering, you are assuming responsibility for any issues that may arise. Here are some tips for hosting a responsible party:

- Discuss party expectations with your roommates. Things to consider include date, time, house rules, how many people to have over, and what you will provide guests.
- Designate a sober host to control music volume and access to the party, mitigate outside disturbances, and address interactions with neighbors or police.
- Notify your neighbors in advance and provide them with the phone number of the sober host.
- Think before you post! We strongly advise you to not post your party using social media outlets, as this can attract more people than you want or people you do not know.
- Neighbors typically report that it's the behaviors of people coming and going to the party (including parking) that they find most disruptive, not the party itself.
- Keep the size reasonable so your party stays in line with the capacity of your residence to avoid disturbing your neighbors.
- Know the laws concerning alcohol. A minor in possession of alcohol, or providing alcohol to minors are both punishable, with up to 6 months in jail and a \$2,500 fine. If in doubt, do not serve alcohol to someone who may be underage.
- If you are uncomfortable with the size of your party, or people will not leave despite your requests, call the Flagstaff Police Department's non-emergency dispatch line at (928) 774-1414 and ask for assistance in breaking up your party before things get out of control.
- Encourage your guests to be quiet and respectful as they arrive and when they leave.
- Be cooperative toward neighbors, police, and others who come to discuss issues.
- Clean up all trash resulting from your party and follow up with your neighbors the next day. Your neighbors may be more tolerant of your next party if they see that you are respectful and care about the neighborhood.

As a final note for this section, we want to remind you that as an NAU student, you may be held accountable through the Student Code of Conduct for your behaviors off campus. Students at

NAU are expected to adhere to the Student Code of Conduct and all applicable federal, state, and local ordinances. Possible violations of the Student Code of Conduct that occur off-campus, which are known by the Office of the Dean of Students, will be managed in a similar manner to on-campus incidents of the same nature and use the same conduct process.

Visit [Student Code of Conduct](#) to review the complete manual.